



President Barack Obama speaks during a news conference on immigration reform in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Oct. 24 2013.

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LONG SHOT ON IMMIGRATION

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Barack Obama made a plea for Republican cooperation on immigration Thursday, seeking common ground by year's end in the aftermath of the divisive partial government shutdown. Yet prospects for success this year remain a long shot even as a handful of House Republican lawmakers push for more limited measures.

Obama's renewed focus on immigration comes amid mounting criticism of the health care rollout.

It also comes nearly four months since a bipartisan majority in the Senate passed a comprehensive immigration bill that would tighten border security and provide a path to citizenship for the 11 million immigrants living here illegally. "Rather than create problems, let's prove to the American people that Washington can actually solve some problems," Obama said during an event devoted to immigration at the White House.

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DISMAY



Bipartisan Alarm At Health Plan Hearing

Andrew Slavitt, group executive vice president at Optum/QSSI software service company, testifies during a House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing on technical malfunctions surrounding the registration process for the Affordable Care Act at the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington, Oct. 24, 2013. Cheryl Campbell, senior vice president of CGI Federal, left.

(Gabriella Demczuk/The New York Times)

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WASHINGTON - Federal officials did not fully test the online health insurance marketplace until two weeks before it opened to the public on Oct. 1, contractors told Congress on Thursday. While individual components of the system were tested earlier, they said, the government did not conduct "end-to-end testing" of the whole system from start to finish until late September.

The disclosure came at a hearing of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which is investigat-

ing problems plaguing the federal marketplace, or exchange, a central pillar of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Cheryl R. Campbell, a senior vice president of CGI Federal, a unit of the CGI Group, the main contractor on the federal exchange, said that end-to-end testing of the full integrated system first occurred "in the last two weeks of September." Another witness, Andrew M. Slavitt of UnitedHealth Group, said: "We didn't see end-to-end testing until a couple days leading up to the launch" of the federal marketplace on Oct.

1. UnitedHealth, one of the nation's largest insurers, owns Quality Software Services, which was in charge of "identity management," including the use of password-protected accounts, in the federal marketplace. Campbell and Slavitt said they would have preferred to have months of testing, as required by industry standards for a project of such immense complexity. The federal exchange must communicate with other contractors and with databases of numerous federal agencies and more than 170 insurance carriers. The rollout of the Afford-

able Care Act has been tarnished by technical problems that have made it difficult for consumers to shop in the federal marketplace serving 36 states.

Campbell said that CGI continually reported to top officials at the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, including Michelle Snyder, the chief operating officer of the agency, and Henry Chao, the deputy chief information officer. Those officials made critical decisions about the federal exchange, Campbell said.

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WTC concourse opens in area shut since 9/11

DAVID PORTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Commuters can once again walk beneath the World Trade Center site in an area that's been closed since 9/11.

The 600-foot (183-meter)-

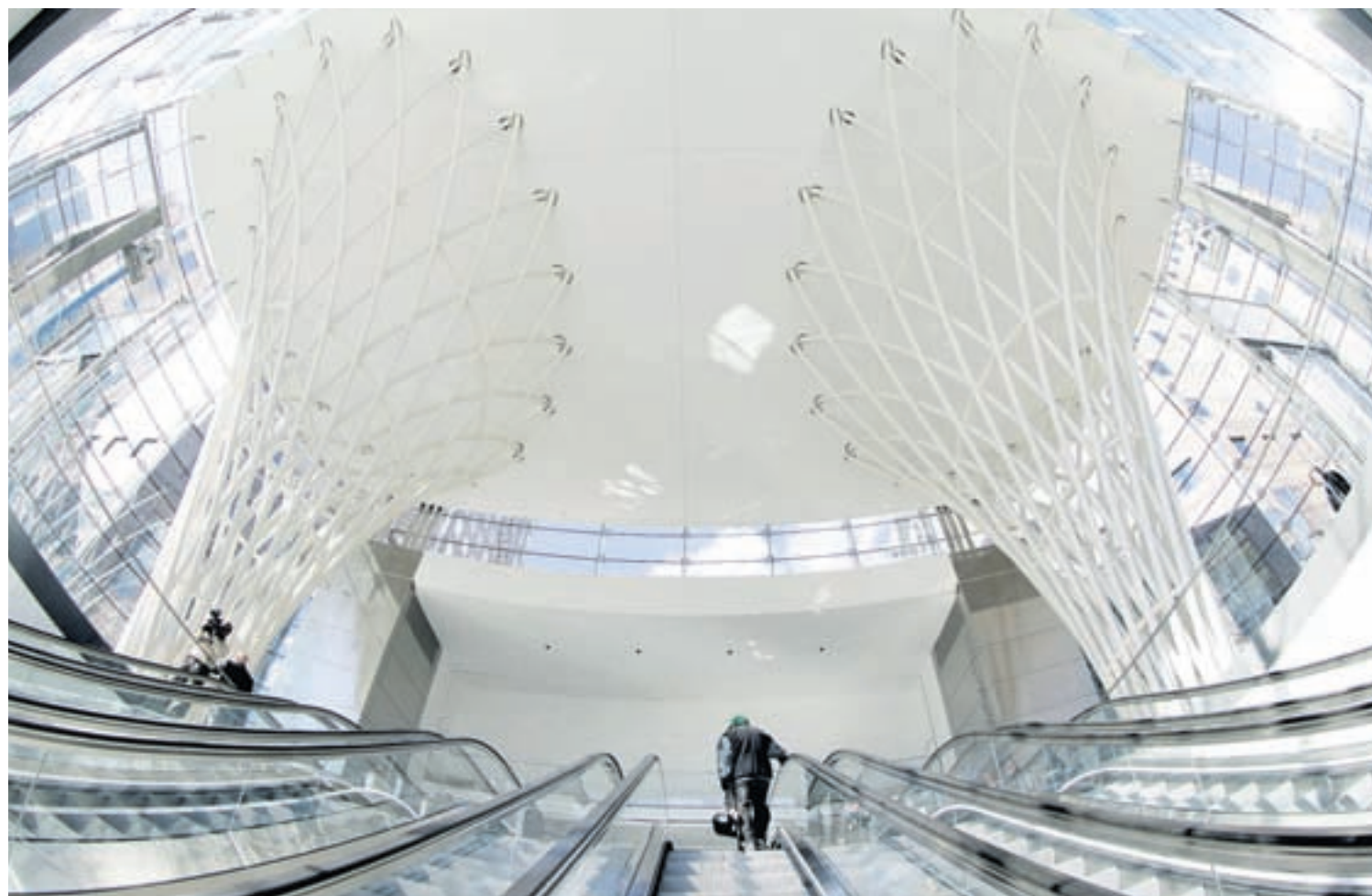
long, marble-paved passageway will accommodate mass-transit users going into and out of lower Manhattan.

The concourse will also eventually feature retail outlets. The Port Authority of New York and New Jer-

sey says the passageway replaces a critical transit connection that was lost in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Pedestrians had been crossing the busy roadway or using a pedestrian bridge that's being dismantled.

The passageway is part of a nearly \$4 billion redevelopment of the World Trade Center site that includes a new transportation hub scheduled to be completed in 2015.

A ribbon-cutting was held Thursday. □



Visitors ride escalators up to the Brookfield Place West Street Pavilion, Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013 in New York. A newly opened passageway that connects Brookfield Place with the World Trade Center PATH station is part of a nearly \$4 billion redevelopment of the World Trade Center site that includes a new transportation hub scheduled to be completed in 2015. The walkway had been closed since Sept. 11, 2001.

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American mariners abducted off Nigerian coast

RICK GLADSTONE
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Pirates attacked an American-flagged oil industry vessel off the Nigerian coast early Thursday and abducted the captain and the chief engineer, both U.S. citizens, the Nigerian navy and a private security firm reported. The abductions appeared to be the first involving U.S. hostages in that region in at least two years. An official of the private security firm, AKE Group, of Hereford, England, said the attack on the vessel, identified as the C-Retrieve, took place near the Nigerian city of Brass, where the oil-rich Niger Delta empties into the Gulf of Guinea, in West Africa. The official, based in

AKE Group's office in Lagos, Nigeria, spoke on the condition of anonymity.

"All we know is this attack happened, and these were the people who were kidnapped," the official said in a telephone interview. He said he did not know the identities of the two hostages. A spokesman for the Nigerian navy, Cmdr. Kabiru Aliyu, confirmed the piracy attack. "The Nigerian navy has directed its operational command to search for and rescue the vessel and the crew members," he said. "Right now, the search is going on, and we are tracking down the culprits. We don't know how it was carried out."

The C-Retrieve's owner, Edison Chouest Offshore, a

marine transportation company based in Cut Off, La., issued no immediate comment. A company spokesman, Lonnie Thibodeaux, did not respond to telephone and emails.

In Washington, Jay Carney, the White House spokesman, said at a regular daily news briefing that the administration was "seeking additional information so that we can contribute to the safe resolution of the situation." He also expressed concern about "the disturbing increase in the incidents of maritime crime, including incidents of piracy off the coast of West Africa, specifically in the Gulf of Guinea."

Online maritime database services describe the C-

Retrieve as a 200-foot-long supply ship and put its last reported location at Onne, a Nigerian port about 70 miles east of Brass.

In recent months, oil servicing vessels in the Gulf of Guinea have become increasingly prominent targets of pirates who abduct crew members for ransom. Maritime industry officials say that many abductions are not reported, and that the ransoms are settled quickly and privately to avoid publicity over the amounts paid.

The abduction reported on Thursday underscored the rising danger of piracy in West Africa over the past year, eclipsing the Somali coast on the other side of the continent. □

Increase in activity reported at North Korea nuclear site

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SEOUL, South Korea - North Korea has increased activity at its main underground nuclear test site, digging new tunnel entrances in what could be preparations for another nuclear test, a Washington-based research institute reported Thursday. The U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, which based its conclusion on analysis of commercial satellite images of the site in Punggye-ri in northeastern North Korea, said there was no sign that a test was imminent. The report came a day after North Korea's Foreign Ministry reaffirmed that the isolated country would continue to expand its nuclear arsenal, despite warnings from the United States that it will not engage in the dialogue that Pyongyang is seeking until the North moves toward denuclearization. North Korea is believed to have recently restarted a reactor at its main nuclear complex in Yongbyon, north of Pyongyang, which would revive the country's main source of fuel for nuclear weapons, plutonium. Pyongyang is also believed to be expanding its uranium enrichment capabilities, which would provide it with an alternative fuel source for nuclear arms.

North Korea has conducted three underground nuclear tests, triggering U.N. sanctions, in 2006, 2009 and last February, all at the Punggye-ri site. The yield of the detonations has increased with each test, but international experts have disputed North Korea's repeated implication that it has succeeded in making its bombs small and sophisticated enough for missile delivery. North Korea is also attempting to develop intercontinental ballistic missiles. On Thursday, the U.S.-Korea Institute said that satellite photos as recent as Sept. 27 showed two new tunnel entrances at Punggye-ri, as well as growing piles of dirt. □

Bipartisan dismay over health plan at house hearing

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In response to questions, Campbell said: "We were not responsible for end-to-end testing" of the whole system.

The Medicare agency, known as CMS, was responsible, she said.

Slavitt said that his company had tested computer

code for the federal marketplace and had found problems. "We informed CMS that more testing was necessary," he testified.

Lawmakers from both parties expressed anger during the hearing at the performance of contractors hired to build the online health insurance marketplace, which is still limping

along after three weeks.

Lawmakers said they were dismayed because the contractors assured the committee on Sept. 10 that they,

their computer systems and the online federal marketplace were ready to enroll millions of Americans eager to buy insurance, subsidized by the

government.

"Why did they assure us that the website would work?" asked Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., chairman of the committee.

"Did they not know? Or did they not disclose?"

"This is more than a website problem," Upton said. "The website should have been the easy part. I'm also con-

cerned about what happens next. Will enrollment glitches become provider payment glitches? Will patients show up at their doctor's office or hospital only to be told that they aren't covered, or even in the system?"

The hearing room was packed with spectators eager to witness the confrontation between lawmakers and business executives whose companies have received tens of millions of dollars to build the federal marketplace, or exchange.

Politics pervaded the session. Republicans said that technical problems crippling the federal website epitomized fundamental flaws in the 2010 health care law, Obama's most significant legislative achievement.

Democrats said that the law was fundamentally sound, but that the website needed to be fixed immediately so people could get the insurance promised to them.

Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., said: "Three weeks after the website went live, we are still hearing reports of significant problems. These problems need to be fixed, and they need to be fixed fast."

Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich., lamented the sorry state of the website and said: "This is unacceptable. It needs to be fixed."

Campbell said all of CGI's work had been done "under the direction and supervision" of CMS.

"We acknowledge that issues arising in the federal exchange have made the process for selecting and enrolling in qualified insurance plans difficult to navigate for too many individuals," Campbell said. "Unfortunately, in systems this complex with so many concurrent users,

it is not unusual to discover problems that need to be addressed once the software goes into a live production environment."

She blamed Quality Software Services for problems that consumers have had creating password-protected accounts.



Rep. Frank Pallone (D-N.J.), center top, speaks to the witnesses during a House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing on technical malfunctions surrounding the registration process for the Affordable Care Act at the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington, Oct. 24, 2013.

(Gabriella Demczuk/The New York Times)

Obama calls for immigration law by year end

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The Senate measure has stalled in the House, where most Republicans reject a comprehensive approach and many question offering citizenship to people who broke U.S. immigration laws to be in this country.

Still, White House officials say they believe that the partial government shutdown, rather than poisoning the political atmosphere, may have created an opportunity for collaboration with Republicans seeking to repair their image, which polls show took a hit during the prolonged

fight over financing the government and extending the nation's borrowing limit.

Moreover, Obama made a point of underscoring support for an immigration bill from the members of the business community, traditional Republican allies who criticized Republican tactics that led to the partial shutdown and to brinkmanship over a potentially economy-jarring default on U.S. debt.

The White House took notice when the Republican leader of the House, Speaker John Boehner, indicated on Wednesday that he was

hopeful that immigration legislation could be done before year's end.

But Republican strategists also say the most opportune time to act might not come until after next year's 2014 primary elections, when lawmakers will be freer to vote without fear of having to run against a more conservative challenger.

And while Obama called for the House to pass a large bill that could then be reconciled with the Senate version, House Republicans want to approach any changes in piecemeal fashion, a process that at

best would push any significant progress into next year.

Boehner spokesman Brendan Buck said Thursday that the House "will not consider any massive, Obamacare-style legislation that no one understands."

He said the House is committed to a deliberate, "step-by-step approach."

"Obviously, there is no appetite for one big bill," Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart told a group of reporters Wednesday night.

Diaz-Balart avoided using the word "legalization" because it has become so politically fraught.

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Kennedy cousin Skakel seeks release on bond

HARTFORD, Connecticut (AP) — Lawyers for Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel filed a motion Thursday seeking his release from prison on bond while he awaits a new trial in the 1975 slaying of neighbor Martha Moxley.

Skakel's conviction was set aside Wednesday by Connecticut Judge Thomas Bishop, who ruled that Skakel's trial attorney, Michael Sherman, failed to adequately represent him when he was found guilty in 2002 in the golf club bludgeoning of Moxley when they were 15 in wealthy Greenwich.

Skakel's current attorney, Hubert Santos, filed a motion Thursday afternoon seeking a \$500,000 bond. If a judge approves it, Skakel could then post bond and be released from prison. "We're very, very thrilled," Santos said.



Michael Skakel, right, talks to Jessica Santos, one of his defense attorneys, during his appeal at State Superior Court in Vernon, Conn. Lawyers for Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel filed a motion Thursday seeking his release from prison on bond while he awaits a new trial in the 1975 slaying of neighbor Martha Moxley.

"I always felt that Michael was innocent." Bridgeport State's Attorney

John Smriga said prosecutors will appeal both the decision and the request

for bond. He said they remain confident in the jury verdict. □

(AP Photo/Jason Rearick)

2 shot outside US Navy base; gunman held

ADRIAN SAINZ Associated Press MILLINGTON, Tennessee

(AP) — A former National Guard recruiter opened fire at an armory outside a U.S. Navy base in Tennessee, wounding two military reserve members before being disarmed by other soldiers, officials said Thursday.

The two people shot were taken to a hospital. Stanback told a news conference that their conditions were not immediately known, though the Navy said on its official Twitter account that neither had life-threatening injuries.

The shooter was a recruiter who had been relieved of duty, said a law enforcement official briefed on the developments. The official was not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Stanback said the shooting happened inside an armory building just outside Naval Support Activity Mid-South. The base has more than 7,500 military, civilian and contract personnel, according to the facility's official website. The facility is home to human resources operations and serves as headquarters to the Navy Personnel Command, Navy Recruiting Command, the Navy Manpower Analysis Center and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Finance Center. The Navy said the base was briefly placed on lockdown as a precaution. □

Ellis Island museum to reopen Monday

COLLEEN LONG Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — New York's Ellis Island will reopen to the public Monday, almost a year after Superstorm Sandy's swells reached 8 feet and badly damaged the iconic former U.S. immigration entry point.

"We are delighted to be able to share Ellis Island's uniquely American story with the world once more," Superintendent David Luchsinger said in a statement Thursday.

The Oct. 29 storm swamped boilers and electrical sys-

tems, and the 27.5-acre (11-hectare) island in New York Harbor was without power for months.

The Ellis Island Immigration Museum, housed in the main building on the island, showcases the stories of the millions of immigrants who passed through the island to start their lives in the United States. More than a million documents, photographs and other artifacts at the museum were moved before the storm because it was impossible to maintain the climate-controlled environment needed for their preserva-

tion.

The artifacts survived the storm but will remain in their temporary space for the time being.

Work to upgrade and fix the island is still ongoing; there's no estimate on when all the artifacts will return from a Maryland storage facility.

"You're not going to see a complete restoration of Ellis Island for a while," spokesman John Warren said.

Crews are still working on a revamp so that the next bad storm won't leave the island shuttered for a year, he said.

Nearby Liberty Island, which also flooded during Sandy, reopened on July 4th but was closed during the partial federal government shutdown.

"I can think of no better way to celebrate Lady Liberty's 127th birthday than to welcome visitors back to the place where those 'huddled masses yearning to breathe free' first came to our shores," Luchsinger said, referring to a line in the Emma Lazarus poem "The New Colossus," which is engraved on a plaque hung inside the statue's pedestal. □

Classmate: Accused US teen stayed after school

JAY LINDSAY

Associated Press

DANVERS, Massachusetts
(AP) — A teacher who was

with the slaying of the popular teacher.

Philip Chism, 14, was charged with murder

final class of the school day. She said Chism was drawing in a notebook rather than taking notes Tuesday.

I was leaving, he was still at his desk."

She said Ritzer had scheduled a test for Friday, but she was unsure why exactly Ritzer asked Chism to stay after school.

Ritzer never returned home that day. Blood in a second-floor bathroom helped lead investigators to her body, which was dumped in the woods behind the school in a close-knit community about 20 miles (30 kilometers) north of Boston. Chism was picked up by police in the early morning hours Wednesday, walking along the highway in neighboring Topsfield. His attorney declined to comment outside court Wednesday and did not immediately return a call seeking comment Thursday.

The high school remained

closed for classes Thursday, but grief counselors were on hand to offer comfort to students.

Classes were expected to resume Friday.

Carrie Kimball-Monahan, a spokeswoman for District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett, said the case was still being investigated.

Chism had moved to Massachusetts from Tennessee before the start of the school year and was a top scorer on the school's junior varsity soccer team.

Jean McCartin, a Danvers School Committee member, said the school has extensive programs to help ease the transition for new students who may have problems but there was no information about Chism that would have presented any red flags. □



Parents and Danvers High School students hold candlelight vigil to mourn the death of Colleen Ritzer, a 24-year-old math teacher at Danvers High School, in Danvers, Mass. Ritzer's body was found in woods behind the high school, and Danvers High School student Philip Chism, 14, who was found walking along a state highway overnight was charged with killing her.

(AP Photo/ Bizuayehu Tesfaye)

allegedly killed by one of her students had asked him to stay after school the day she was killed, a classmate said Thursday, as students met with grief counselors and tried to come to grips

Wednesday in the death of Colleen Ritzer, a 24-year-old math teacher at Danvers High School.

Rania Rhaddaoui sat two seats away from Chism in Ritzer's Algebra I class, the

"She came over and said, 'I didn't know you draw,' and he said, 'yes,' then later on, she said, 'Can you stay after with me?'" Rhaddaoui said. "Obviously, he stayed after because when

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California police shoot, kill 13-year-old boy

SANTA ROSA, California (AP) — A Northern California community is anguished over the fatal police shooting of a popular, 13-year-old boy who had been carrying a replica gun that looked like an assault rifle.

Sonoma County sheriff's deputies had repeatedly asked the boy, Andy Lopez, to drop the weapon, but instead he raised it in their direction, police said at a news conference. Only after the shooting did deputies realize the gun was a replica that looked strikingly similar to a real AK-47 assault rifle.

Residents of Santa Rosa, a suburban town of roughly 170,000 people northwest of San Francisco in California's wine country, were shaken by the boy's death Tuesday afternoon.

While some community members were questioning

why police decided to fire on such a young person, the shooting coincided with two separate murders of U.S. school teachers this week that have been linked to students of similar ages. On Monday in the neighboring state of Nevada, a middle school teacher was allegedly shot by a 12-year-old student. And on Tuesday, prosecutors in Massachusetts say a 14-year-old student killed a math teacher.

In Santa Rosa, hundreds marched on Wednesday night to remember Lopez and protest the shooting of the teen, chanting "We need justice," as they questioned how the deputy mistook a pellet gun for an assault rifle. The marchers went to the site at the edge of a field where the boy was shot. Community members had left candles, teddy bears and flowers



This combination of photos provided by the family via The Press Democrat and the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department shows an undated photo of 13-year-old Andy Lopez and the replica assault rifle he was holding when he was shot and killed by two Sonoma County deputies in Santa Rosa, Calif. on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013.

(AP Photo/SCSD)

there. Andy, an eighth-grade student who played trumpet in his school band, was described as a bright

and popular student, liked by many in his community, including Lawrence Cook Middle School assistant principal Linsey Gannon. Sonoma County Sheriff Steve Freitas said the shooting was a "tragedy" and that he would do everything he could to ensure the investigation was thorough and transparent. After the deputies spotted the boy Tuesday, they called for backup and repeatedly ordered him to drop the gun, sheriff's Lt. Dennis O'Leary said in a news release. His back was turned toward the deputies, and they did not realize at the time that he was a boy.

According to police, the boy was up to 30 feet (9 meters) from them when he turned toward the offi-

cers with the gun and they opened fire.

The boy was pronounced dead at the scene.

At Wednesday's news conference, Santa Rosa police displayed the pellet gun, which resembled an AK-47 with a black magazine and brown butt. The pellet gun did not have an orange tip like other replica firearms, including the plastic handgun found in the boy's waistband, police said. Police also found a plastic handgun in the boy's waistband, O'Leary said. The deputies, who have not been identified, have been placed on administrative leave, which is standard after a shooting, he said.

Andy's father, Rodrigo Lopez, told a newspaper that he last saw his son Tuesday morning. □

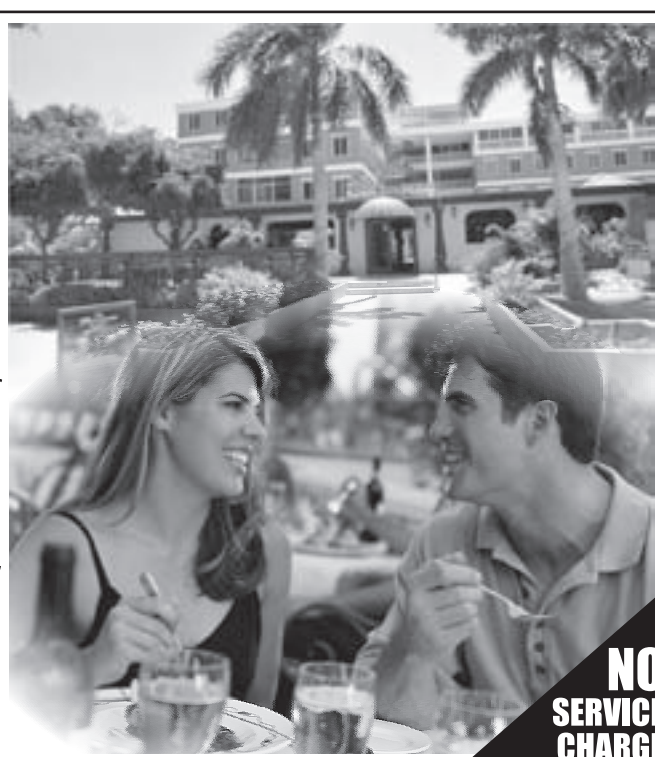
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US proposes big banks hold more assets

MARCY GORDON
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve on Thursday proposed that big banks keep enough cash, government bonds and other high-quality assets on hand to survive during a severe downturn on par with the 2008 financial crisis.

The proposal subjects U.S. banks for the first time to so-called "liquidity" requirements. Liquidity is the ability to access cash quickly.

The largest banks — those with more than \$250 billion in assets — would be required to hold enough cash and securities to fund their operations for 30 days during a time of market stress. Smaller banks — those with more than \$50 billion and less than \$250 billion — would have to keep enough to cover 21 days.

Fed officials said the rules are stronger than new international standards for banks. Combined, the largest banks would have to hold an estimated \$2 trillion in high-quality assets to meet the requirement. The banks already hold roughly 90 percent of that amount, according to the Fed.

The public has 90 days to comment on the proposal, which was approved unanimously by the Fed's 6-member board of governors. □

US Financial Front:

Ford reports growing sales, profits in home market

DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Auto Writer

DEARBORN, Michigan (AP) — Ford proved it in North America. Now it's proving it in the rest of the world: New vehicles, combined with cost cuts, can turn the business around.

us," Ford's Chief Financial Officer Bob Shanks told reporters Thursday morning. Dearborn-based Ford Motor Co. earned \$1.3 billion, or 31 cents per share, down 14 percent from a year ago. The decline was due to special items, including

restored its North American operations to profitability by closing plants, laying off workers, selling non-core brands like Jaguar and using the savings to invest in much improved vehicles like the Fusion sedan and Explorer SUV.

halved its third-quarter loss to \$228 million. The company closed two plants in England in July, and expects to spend a total of \$800 million this year and \$400 million next year on restructuring actions. But it's also introducing 25 new products by 2017 in an effort to stimulate sales. Among the first are the Fiesta subcompact and B-Max minivan, which were strong sellers in the third quarter.

In China, Ford's new Kuga and EcoSport SUVs helped increase sales by 51 percent during the quarter, and its profits doubled to \$126 million in Asia despite a sales slowdown in India. In South America, where Ford had been plagued by currency issues and dated products, the new Ranger pickup and revamped Fiesta helped increase pretax profits to \$159 million, up from just \$9 million in the same period a year ago.

CEO Alan Mulally, the architect of Ford's turnaround, said Thursday the results show the restructuring plan Ford adopted seven years ago is working. But he wouldn't address one issue on many investors' minds: Whether he has talked to Microsoft Corp., which is rumored to be considering him as its next CEO. Mulally said only that his plan to stay at Ford through at least 2014 hasn't changed. □



Rain falls on a car at a Ford dealership in Sydney, Australia. Ford Motor Co. raised its full-year profit guidance Thursday as it reported a strong third quarter that saw improving sales worldwide.
(AP Photo/Rick Rycroft)

The second-largest U.S. automaker raised its full-year profit guidance Thursday as it reported a strong third quarter that saw improving sales worldwide. Ford's regions outside North America saw a combined profit for the first time in two years, and every region reported market share increases.

"The breadth, the depth and the quality of the growth is very exciting for

a \$250 million charge for restructuring in Europe and a \$145 million charge for a pension buyout program in the U.S. Without those one-time costs, Ford reported a pretax profit of \$2.6 billion, or 45 cents per share. That was a third-quarter record for the company, and a pleasant surprise for Wall Street. Shares rose nearly 2 percent. Ford, which almost went bankrupt in the middle of the last decade,

The changes have led to growing sales and stable profits in Ford's home market. The company earned \$2.3 billion in North America in the third quarter, the same amount as in last year's July-September period. Ford's share of the market rose, although that was offset by investment in upcoming products.

Ford is now taking its playbook to other markets. In Europe, the company

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Merkel says US spying has shattered allies' trust



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, right, arrives for an EU summit on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013. A two-day summit meeting of EU leaders is likely to be diverted from its official agenda, economic recovery and migration, after German Chancellor Angela Merkel complained to U.S. President Barack Obama that U.S. intelligence may have monitored her mobile phone.

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Associated Press
BRUSSELS (AP) — European leaders united in anger Thursday as they attended a summit overshadowed by reports of widespread U.S. spying on its allies —

allegations German Chancellor Angela Merkel said had shattered trust in the Obama administration and undermined the crucial trans-Atlantic relationship. The latest revelations that the U.S. National Security

Agency swept up more than 70 million phone records in France and may have tapped Merkel's own cellphone brought denunciations from the French and German governments. Merkel's unusually stern remarks as she arrived at

the European Union gathering indicated she wasn't placated by a phone conversation she had Wednesday with President Barack Obama, or his personal assurances that the U.S. is not listening in on her calls now. "We need trust among allies and partners," Merkel told reporters in Brussels. "Such trust now has to be built anew. This is what we have to think about." "The United States of America and Europe face common challenges. We are allies," the German leader said. "But such an alliance can only be built on trust. That's why I repeat again: spying among friends, that cannot be." The White House may soon

face other irked heads of state and government. The British newspaper The Guardian said Thursday it obtained a confidential memo suggesting the NSA was able to monitor 35 world leaders' communications in 2006. The memo said the NSA encouraged senior officials at the White House, Pentagon and other agencies to share their contacts so the spy agency could add foreign leaders' phone numbers to its surveillance systems, the report said. The Guardian did not identify who reportedly was eavesdropped on, but said the memo termed the payoff very meager: "Little reportable intelligence" was obtained, it said. □

Portugal: Missing Madeleine case reopened

BARRY HATTON
Associated Press
LISBON, Portugal (AP) — More than six years after British girl Madeleine McCann vanished from her bedroom during a family vacation in Portugal and five years after Portuguese police gave up trying to find her, authorities reopened the case Thursday, citing new evidence. Madeleine's parents, Kate and Gerry McCann, had long campaigned from their home in central England for the Portuguese investigation to resume. In a statement Thursday, they said they were "very pleased" at the development. "We hope that this will finally lead to (Madeleine) being found and to the discovery of whoever is responsible for this crime," Kate and Gerry McCann said. The couple, both doctors, continue to care for

Madeleine's younger siblings, twins Sean and Amelie. Madeleine went missing shortly before her fourth birthday. Her disappearance sparked global interest as pictures of her and her grieving parents beamed around the world. Her parents briefly met with Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's Square in June 2007, a month after Madeleine disappeared, and the pontiff held a picture of their daughter. Then, in a stunning twist, Portuguese police briefly considered the parents suspects before they were cleared and returned home. Portuguese police closed the case in 2008 because authorities had detected no crime. However, a team of detectives from Porto, in northern Portugal, began reviewing the evidence in March 2011. □

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Egyptian Cabinet again shortens nighttime curfew

SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's government announced Thursday it once again shortened a nighttime curfew put in place more than two months ago in much of the

country over the unrest that followed the ouster of the country's president. The Cabinet said in a statement the curfew now will be four hours a night, from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m., six days a week. On Fridays, the Cab-

inet said the curfew will remain 10 hours, starting at 7 p.m. Friday is the start of the weekend in Egypt and has been a day of major protests since its 2011 up-

rising. Now, supporters of ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi take to the streets in rallies Friday that often descend into clashes. The curfew, effective in a number of cities including the capital, Cairo, was announced along with a nationwide state of emergency in mid-August. It followed a government crackdown on pro-Morsi sit-ins in the capital that killed hundreds and unleashed a wave of violence targeting government offices, security personnel and churches. Those attacks include Sunday's assault by masked gunmen on a Coptic Christian church holding a wedding in the Cairo district of Warraq.

An Interior Ministry statement issued Thursday said a fifth victim, a Muslim man, had died of the wounds he suffered from the shooting. He was the only Muslim killed in the attack, which saw motorcycle-riding gunmen spray the wedding party outside the Church of the Virgin Mary with bullets before speeding away.

The attack, whose victims included two young Christian girls, caused an outcry in Egypt, where suspicion immediately fell on Morsi supporters. Many of Morsi supporters have accused Coptic Christians of working to bring down the Islamist

president. More unrest is likely as demonstrations over Morsi's ouster continue. This Friday, an alliance of pro-Morsi groups, led by the Muslim Brotherhood, called for rallies around the country as part of protests dubbed the week of "steadfastness." □



Security officials examine the site of a car bomb in the city of Ismaïlia, Egypt. Egypt's government announced Thursday it once again shortened a nighttime curfew put in place more than two months ago in much of the country over the unrest that followed the ouster of the country's president.

(AP Photo)

country over the unrest that followed the ouster of the country's president. Meanwhile, a Muslim man wounded in a widely denounced attack on a wedding party outside a Cairo

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Bulgarian woman in DNA test in Roma community case

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Associated Press

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — A Roma woman in remote town in central Bulgaria has undergone DNA testing as authorities investigate if she is the mother of a suspected abduction victim in neighboring Greece known as "Maria" whose case has triggered a global search for her real parents.

Sasha Ruseva, 35, had been tested for a match and served with preliminary charges of child selling, but was not detained, Bulgarian authorities said Thursday.

Ruseva appeared on Bulgarian television after being questioned at a police station in the town of Nikolaevo, 280 kilometers (175 miles) east of the capital, Sofia, and admitted she once left a baby behind in Greece while working there, but was not sure if Maria was her daughter.

"I don't know if it's her. How would I know that? I didn't take any money. I just didn't have enough money to feed her," Ruseva

said speaking on TV, which showed pictures of her and her family outside her mud-floored village home outside the town.

Several of the children seen at the village were barefoot or looked poorly cared for.

"I intended to go back and take my child home, but meanwhile I gave birth to two more kids, so I was not able to go back," Ruseva said.

Bulgarian Interior Ministry chief secretary Svetlozar Lazarov said Ruseva had told police she had seen televised pictures of a Greek Roma couple who had looked after Maria and recognized them as the same people with whom she left her child.

A blond-haired and fair-skinned girl aged 5 or 6, Maria, was discovered last week near Farsala in central Greece during a police raid on a Gypsy settlement. DNA tests on the Roma couple revealed they weren't her parents and the two were charged with abduction and document fraud.

They insist they were look-



Nikolaos Paiteris, the leader of a Roma community in Thessalia, Greece, delivers a statement to members of the media outside the court in Larisa, central Greece. The Roma community in Greece is at the center of a child abduction case, with a Roma couple accused of abducting a blonde, blue-eyed girl who is thought to be about 4 years old.

(AP Photo/Nikolas Giakoumidis)

ing after Maria with their own five children after an informally-arranged adoption.

The girl was placed into the care of a children's charity and her DNA details were

provided to Interpol which has so far failed to match her to any missing children declared in its records, from Poland to the U.S.

But the global interest has also raised concerns that news coverage of Maria and actions taken by authorities in the high-profile case are fueling racist sentiment against the Gypsy minority, who number around 6 million in the European Union.

"The long-standing problem of negative media reporting on minorities has

vehemently re-emerged with the cases of the children found in Roma families ... propagating age-old myths portraying Roma as child-abductors," the Council of Europe's Commissioner for Human Rights Nils Muiznieks said in a statement.

In the central Romanian town of Sibiu, Dorin Cioaba, an influential Gypsy community leader widely known as the king of the Roma, said the Greek couple's story sounded plausible. □

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China: US tycoon breaks ground for scholars project

DIDI TANG
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Wall Street tycoon Stephen A. Schwarzman helped break ground Thursday on a college building in Beijing that will house a \$300 million scholarship program bearing his name that is intended to rival the prestigious Rhodes Scholarships. Accompanied by Chinese government and university officials, the founder of the private equity firm Blackstone turned a shovel at a ceremonial event on the campus of Tsinghua University. The first class of Schwarzman Scholars will study there in 2016. Schwarzman said he's setting up the program to



Wall Street tycoon Stephen A. Schwarzman, fourth from left, takes part in a ground breaking ceremony for a residential college building on the grounds of Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013.

(AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

Cayman police search for missing Olympic sailor

DAVID McFADDEN
Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — An elite sailor who represented the wealthy British territory of the Cayman Islands in two Olympics and won numerous national championships was missing at sea Thursday and officials said they were losing hope of finding him alive. Mark Clarke went fishing early Monday and his unmanned 25-foot (7.6-meter) sailboat was found lodged on a northern reef off the island of Grand Cayman the next day, the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service said. He sailed for the Caribbean territory at the Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain, in 1992 and the U.S. city of Atlanta in 1996.

Marine Commander Ian Yearwood said authorities were still looking for the 63-year-old sailor but they had told his family they believed it "extremely unlikely that he would be found alive."

Police marine and air units scoured swaths of the Caribbean, and numerous private boat owners also searched. Land-based teams checked the shore. "Despite a widespread air, land and sea search, no trace of Mr. Clarke has been found," said Yearwood, who was once a colleague of the missing man when he was employed with the three-island territory's police force.

Donald McLean, president of the Cayman Islands Olympic Committee and one of Clarke's Olympic teammates, said the weather and marine conditions were good when he disappeared. □



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The \$300 million endowment will allow 200 students each year to take part in a one-year master's program at Tsinghua — all expenses paid — in public policy, economics and business, international relations or engineering. Forty-five percent of the students would come from the United

States, 20 percent from China and the rest from other parts of the world, and the classes would be taught in English, Schwarzman said. Economist David Daokui Li, also dean of Schwarzman Scholars, said the program would be academically independent. "We should have free discussions and clashes of ideas with no restriction," Li said.

Schwarzman has personally contributed \$100 million to the program and is leading a campaign that has raised \$160 million toward the \$200 million goal.

He dismissed any suggestion that the gift is to advance his business interests in China. "If that were my objective, there would be a cheaper way to do it than putting up \$100 million," he said. "We already enjoy great relationship here in China."

China Investment Corp., China's main sovereign wealth fund, is an investor in Blackstone Corp. □



49th International Classic Billfish Tournament begins today!



ORANJESTAD - From October 25th to the 27th, the Aruba Nautical Club is hosts its prestigious international fishing tournament, the 49th International Classic Billfish Tournament". This tournament is a yearly event from as early as 1964. Nowadays this tournament is held in a "Catch & Release" format. This means that all fish that are caught are not killed, but are being released back. This for preservation and con-

servation purposes of the applicable species, which include blue marlin, white marlin and sailfish. For each released fish the angler and his team will earn an amount of points. At the end, the angler and team with the most points will be the winner. Prices include trophies, cash prizes and other attractive articles. Images of the released fish will be shown on flatscreens at the club. The tournament is a qualifying event for the 2014 IGFA World Offshore Championship, to be held in Quepos, Costa Rica. The program for the weekend will be as follows:
Friday, 25 October: Registration, captain's meeting and welcome cocktail.
Saturday, 26 October: First fishing day (the estimated arrival time of the boats will be around 5 PM).
Sunday, 27 October: Second fishing day, awards

ceremony and closing dinner (the estimated arrival time of the boats will be around 4:30 PM). On Friday and Saturday

there will be live entertainment. Everybody, young and old, is invited to assist with and enjoy this prestigious tournament. More

information can be obtained at the Aruba Nautical Club: email: arubanauticalclub@setanet.aw, or telephone 593-4980. □



Michael and Janice honored at the Paradise Beach Villas

EAGLE BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple who are loyal and friendly Visitors of Aruba, as Distinguished Visitors at the Paradise Beach Villas. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 consecutive years. The honorees were Michael and Janice la Vare

from Rotterdam, New York. Michael and Janice fell in love with Aruba since the first time they visited the Island, and they also love the friendly people of Aruba, the weather, beaches, restaurants, and Aruba feels like a second home and the people are like a family to them. The certificate was presented by Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Milca Erasmus representing the Paradise Beach Villas. □



Superb Halloween Costume Party on tap at The Sopranos Piano Bar!

PALM BEACH - Screams will sound, shivers of fear will run up and down spines and eerie sounds can be heard all over Aruba on October 31, when all of the island celebrates Halloween! The place of the best scary action, however, will be The Sopranos Piano bar, where the party starts on Thursday, October 31st, at 9pm.

Entrance is free of charge. Deliciously frighteningly costumed party-goers compete for a great prize: a round-trip ticket to Curaçao, a trip on the Jolly Pirates boat for two, and two Kukoo Kunuku bus trips for two or a bottle of Patron Silver. So there will be a good number of happy winners next week!

Music-wise one can expect only the best at The Sopranos Bar in the Arawak Garden across from the Occidental Resort: Barry from Boston is the wildly popular pianoman of the moment; he will play his songs from 8 to midnight, when DJ PTR takes over until 2am. The Daily Late Night Special (a two-for-one on all drinks) is



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Augustino and Josephine honored by ATA at La Cabana Beach Resort



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phine are loyal members of the La Cabana, and they love Aruba for the climate, beaches, restaurants and they always say that Aruba truly is One Happy Island and La Cabana is a wonderful Resort. The Cammalleri couple brought their daughter Debbie and her husband Anthony on this trip with them to Aruba. The certificate was presented by Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Charine Charles representing the La Cabana Beach Resort. □

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Suzan and Alan are crazy about Fishes & More Restaurant!

PALM BEACH - Fishes & More Restaurant in the Arawak Garden across from the Occidental Resort has already many fans. They come for the freshly caught fish, the terrific staff and the very attractive Early Bird special. New-comers at Fishes & More are Suzan and Alan Stanke from Westwood, MA. They are first-time visitors on the island and when they asked at their hotel about recommended restaurants, they were told to try Fishes & More. Well, they did and they loved their appetizers, the spicy avocado with



shrimps, and their red snapper. Suzan and Alan were just three days on the island

when we met up with them, but we hope they'll be back for more sunshine, fun and fish soon! ☐

Canadian Paul Johnson wins first Championship Tuesday at Tierra del Sol!



WEST PUNT - What's happening at Tierra del Sol? Well, golf of course, as the scores came in from the golf field Tuesday, one stood alone and became the first Champion of Aruba's Championship Tuesday Golf Tournament at Tierra del Sol Resort, Spa, & Country Club. After 18 holes Paul Johnson (on the

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St. Louis Cardinals players celebrate after defeating the Boston Red Sox, 4-2, in Game 2 of baseball's World Series Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013, in Boston. The series is tied at 1-1.

Associated Press

Dallas, Detroit, Miami to play NFL London in 2014

LONDON (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, Detroit Lions and Miami Dolphins will travel to London next year to take part in the NFL International Series. The NFL announced this month that it would play three games at Wembley Stadium in 2014, with the Jacksonville Jaguars, Atlanta Falcons and Oakland Raiders as the designated home teams. The lineup was announced on Thursday: Cowboys vs. Jaguars, Lions vs. Falcons, and Dolphins vs. Raiders.

Dates are to be determined. Lions president Tom Lewand saw his game as an opportunity to promote his city, which filed for bankruptcy this year. "The global platform also presents a unique and special opportunity for our fans and business partners to join us in sharing the many positive stories about the city of Detroit, the state of Michigan and the Lions," Lewand said in a statement. The Jaguars are playing



Jacksonville Jaguars' players take part in their football practice at the Pennyhill Park Hotel and Spa in Bagshot, England, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013. The Jaguars face the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday in a NFL football game at Wembley Stadium in London.

Associated Press

four games over four seasons in London, starting on Sunday against the San Francisco 49ers. Last month, the Minnesota Vikings beat the Pittsburgh Steelers. It will be the first trip to London for Dallas, Detroit, Atlanta and Oakland next season, when the NFL increases the number of overseas games from this season's two. The Dolphins return to London after losing to the New York Giants 13-10 in 2007 in the first game of the current series. □

NBA Finals format changed to 2-2-1-1-1

Associated Press

NEW YORK -- The 2-3-2 NBA Finals format is following David Stern out of the league.

NBA owners unanimously voted Wednesday to return to the 2-2-1-1-1 format, believing the travel inconveniences that teams faced when Stern became commissioner nearly 30 years ago no longer exist. Beginning with the 2014 finals, the higher-seeded team will host Games 1, 2, 5 and 7. The lower seed gets Games 3, 4 and 6, following the same format the NBA uses in all other rounds. The current format was instituted in 1985, Stern's first full year in charge, in part to ease the amount of cross-country travel with the Celtics and Lakers frequently meeting for the championship. But critics felt it gave an edge to the lower-seeded team. "There certainly was a perception ... it was unfair to the team that had the bet-

ter record, that it was then playing the pivotal Game 5 on the road. So this obviously moves that game back to giving home-court advantage to the team with the better record if it's a 2-2 series," Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said. The vote came during Stern's final preseason meeting with his board of governors. Owners also voted to add an extra day between Games 6 and 7. The league's competition committee had recommended the change last month back to 2-2-1-1-1, which was used in all but one finals from 1957 to 1984. The change to the 2-3-2 format was one of the earliest made by Stern, who has often said he was acting on advice -- or complaints -- about the travel from former Celtics boss Red Auerbach. But with commercial flights long since replaced by charters, teams didn't have the same difficulties now with

the number of trips.

Instead, the ones who had the higher seed found it more inconvenient, Stern said, to be on the road for as many as eight days in a row when the opponent hosted the middle three games.

Silver, who will become commissioner after Stern retires Feb. 1, is a proponent of the 2-2-1-1-1 format, though he said Stern and other league executives all thought it was time for the change.

"It reached a crescendo where basketball people thought it was important and the business people stood down and said it was no longer necessary for the convenience of transportation or the media," Silver said. Beyond the re-election of Spurs owner Peter Holt as chairman, there was little other business for the owners, who toasted Stern during dinner Tuesday night. Stern said there was a video trib-



NBA Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver, left, smiles as NBA Commissioner David Stern shows a bobblehead doll in his likeness, during a press conference after a meeting of the NBA board of governors, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013 in New York. Stern will formally step aside Feb. 1, 2014, after 30 years and Silver will become the new NBA commissioner.

Associated Press

ute voiced by Bill Russell, Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Tim Duncan, Kobe Bryant and LeBron James, along with "some speechifying" and "a series of totally embarrassing photos of me over the last 36 years." "I got the opportunity to thank my colleagues at the NBA for their incredible work and saying how pleased I was that the league was

in such good hands under those colleagues and Adam's stewardship," Stern said. The owners were also presented with a Stern bobblehead doll. The commissioner said Cleveland Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert joked that unlike most bobbleheads whose heads nod up and down, Stern's only moves side to side as if shaking its head no. □

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BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Michael Wacha won again in October and the St. Louis Cardinals got just enough help from Boston, beating the Red Sox 4-2 Thursday night to level the World Series at 1-all.

David Ortiz put Boston ahead in the sixth inning with a two-run homer just over the Green Monster in left, ending Wacha's scoreless streak at 18 2-3 innings — a rookie record for a single postseason.

But then John Lackey, who in 2002 with the Angels became the first rookie in 93 years to win Game 7 of a World Series, faltered in a three-run seventh. St. Louis went ahead when Matt Carpenter hit a sacrifice fly that led to a pair of runs, with the second scoring on errors by catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia and reliever Craig Breslow.

Carlos Beltran, back in the lineup after bruising ribs in the opener, followed with an RBI single.

"I worked so hard to get to this point," Beltran said. "Somebody would have to kill me in order for me to be out of the lineup."

Wacha, a 22-year-old right-hander, wasn't quite as sharp and allowed two runs, three hits and four walks in six innings with six strikeouts. But he improved to 4-0 in four outings this postseason, matching the amount of regular-season wins he has in his brief career.

"He pitched outstanding," Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina said. "Just one pitch, to a great hitter like Big Papi. We take our hat off to him, but I mean, he pitched good tonight."

His parents and sister made the trip from Texarkana, Texas, and sat bundled in cold-weather clothes in the stands to watch Wacha, the 19th pick in last year's amateur draft.

The Cardinals' hard-throwing bullpen combined for one-hit relief, with Trevor Rosenthal striking out all three batters

in the ninth for a save. He whiffed Daniel Nava with a 99 mph fastball to end it.

All three St. Louis pitchers Thursday night were 23 or younger.

"It doesn't surprise me.

made three errors in the opener and allowed the Red Sox to romp 8-1, the fielding failures were on the other side.

Given a 2-1 lead, Lackey walked David Freese with

side of the plate as Kozma scored the tying run.

Saltalamacchia allowed the throw to glance off his glove as Jay took off for third. Backing up the plate, Breslow hesitated before

appeared to be wearing protective padding under his jersey.

Matt Holliday, whose ninth-inning solo homer in the opener avoided a shutout, led off the fourth by driving



St. Louis Cardinals players celebrate after defeating the Boston Red Sox, 4-2, in Game 2 of baseball's World Series Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013, in Boston. The series is tied at 1-1.

Associated Press

Those guys got talent," Molina said. "Like I said many times before, they're not afraid to pitch."

Seeking its second World Series title in three seasons, St. Louis improved to 7-0 this postseason when scoring first and stopped Boston's streak of nine wins in World Series games.

When the Series resumes Saturday night at Busch Stadium, Jake Peavy starts for the Red Sox and Joe Kelly for the Cardinals. Twenty-nine of the previous 55 teams that won Game 2 to tie the Series went on to take the title.

A night after the Cardinals

one out in the seventh and allowed Jon Jay's single. Breslow relieved, and the Cardinals pulled off a double steal as pinch-runner Pete Kozma swiped third.

twasanuncharacteristically aggressive move for the Cardinals, who ranked last in the National League with 45 stolen bases this year.

Daniel Descalso, who started at shortstop after Kozma made two errors in the opener, loaded the bases with a walk. Carpenter followed with a fly to medium left, and Jonny Gomes' throw home was slightly to the first-base

throwing to third, then sailed a high throw into the stands as Jay came home with the go-ahead run.

Beltran, making his first Series appearance at age 36, singled to right for a two-run lead.

A few hours before the game, Cardinals manager Mike Matheny wasn't even certain Beltran would be able to play. The eight-time All-Star was sent to a hospital for scans Wednesday night after bruising ribs while banging into the right-field fence to rob Ortiz of a grand slam.

Beltran said he was given painkillers, and he

a 92 mph fastball to the deepest part of Fenway Park, near the 420-foot sign below the triangle section of the bleachers in right-center. The ball hit with a thud off the low fence on the side of the Boston bullpen, ricocheting across toward straightaway center.

Matt Adams lined to second baseman Dustin Pedroia, who made a diving catch with the infield halfway in. Molina followed with a bouncer over the 6-foot-6 Lackey that was grabbed by Pedroia, who realized his only play was to first as Holliday scored. □

Sabres Scott suspended indefinitely for hit

JOHN WAWROW

AP Sports Writer

BUFFALO, New York (AP)

— Buffalo Sabres enforcer John Scott was suspended indefinitely by the NHL on Thursday. And teammate Patrick Kaleta's appeal to reduce his 10-game suspension was denied by league commissioner Gary Bettman.

Scott was suspended pending a disciplinary hearing for a blindside hit to the head that leveled Boston Bruins forward Lou Eriksson in Buffalo's 5-2 loss a day earlier.

Scott has been offered a hearing, which has not yet been scheduled.

The news didn't get any better for Buffalo. Bettman

issued a 17-page decision explaining why he turned down Kaleta's appeal to reduce a 10-game ban for an illegal hit to the head on Columbus Blue Jackets defenseman Jack Johnson on Oct. 10.

In supporting league disciplinarian Brendan Shanahan's initial ruling, Bettman noted Kaleta was a repeat offender, having been previously suspended three times, and added that Kaleta could have avoided hitting Johnson.

Kaleta wasn't penalized, and Johnson did not miss any ice time.

Kaleta has already missed six games and stands to lose \$152,439 in salary. He

has one last option to appeal Bettman's ruling by taking his case to neutral discipline arbitrator James Oldham.

Scott's suspension came after he was issued a match penalty for charging and ejected for his hit on Eriksson on Wednesday. Eriksson was skating through the neutral zone and had just dumped the puck into the Sabres zone when Scott skated in from the player's right and struck him with a shoulder to the face.

Eriksson was dazed and didn't return. He stayed in Buffalo overnight as a precaution.

Scott was apologetic on Thursday. □



Buffalo Sabre, John Scott (32) checks Boston Bruin, Lou Eriksson (21) during third period action against at the First Niagara Center on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013. Scott was ejected from the game in the third period and he received two five-minute major penalties, one for charging and another for fighting. The Boston bruins defeated the Sabres 5-2.

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Senators rout Red Wings 6-1; Bruins beat Sabres

DETROIT (AP)

— Jason Spezza and Bobby Ryan scored two goals each as the Ottawa Senators routed Daniel Alfredsson and the Detroit Red Wings 6-1 on Wednesday night.

Alfredsson was held without a point by his former team. The Swedish winger spent 17 seasons with the Senators before signing a one-year deal with the Red Wings in the offseason. Eric Gryba and Jared Cowen also scored for the Senators, who had three goals on eight shots against Jimmy Howard before the Detroit goalie was taken out in the first period.

Craig Anderson made 31 saves for Ottawa.

Spezza has seven goals on the season, trailing only Washington's Alex Ovechkin, who leads the NHL with nine.

The Senators won at Detroit for the first time since 2006, although this was only their third road game against the Red Wings since then.

Boston 5, Buffalo 2

At Buffalo, Milan Lucic had



Ottawa Senators right wing Bobby Ryan, center, is congratulated on his goal by teammates Chris Phillips (4) and Kyle Turris (7) as Detroit Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard, right, skates back to the net during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Detroit, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013.

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two goals and an assist, and Torey Krug also scored twice to help the Boston Bruins beat the reeling Sabres 5-2.

Dougie Hamilton also scored for Boston. The Bruins are 6-2 overall and have won their first four

road games for the first time since 2010.

Nikita Zadorov and Cody Hodgson scored for Buffalo. At 1-9-1, the Sabres are off to their worst start in club history. They are winless in their first seven home games. □

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Hopkins set for latest light heavyweight defense

DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — By now, Bernard Hopkins has burned through storylines at about the rate he's disposed of title contenders. Even for the undisputed word-for-word champion on the boxing scene, Hopkins knows there's not much left to say.

He's old.

He's frugal.

He went to prison.

He carries his prison ID card. He became one of the great middleweights.

He might retire. He might not.

Did we mention he's old?

All those warmed-over stories have had the lifespan of one of his bouts of late, one of the byproducts of fighting at a championship level for so long.

Hopkins realized it, too. If he wants to get fans excited to see him on pay-per-view or take another shot at headlining a pay-per-view, Hopkins had to mix up his combinations like it was the decisive 12th round of a title bout.

So, say long to "The Executioner."

"The Alien" has landed.

Hopkins insists he has retired "The Executioner" persona that has defined him for most of the last two decades.

"I am an alien," Hopkins said, "because I am of this world, but I'm not from this world."

The 48-year-old Hopkins (53-6-2, 32 KOs) will descend from the mothership on Saturday and extend his own record as the oldest fighter to defend a major championship when he puts his share of the light heavyweight title on the line against Karo Murat (25-1-1, 15 knockouts) in Atlantic City.

Hopkins proved his commitment toward The Alien alias at a recent workout in his Philadelphia gym, taking jabs at the bag dressed in black shorts, red shirt, and a gray mask with egg-shaped purple eyes, a sneak preview of what he'll wear on his walk to the ring at Boardwalk Hall.

"You stick around this long," trainer Naazim Richardson said, "you can come out in a diaper, if you want to."

Hopkins also made TV appearances in Philly wearing a more traditional green alien mask.

Green or gray for fight — or is it fright — night?

That seems to be the only true suspense for Hopkins, who has started making noise about fighting Floyd Mayweather Jr. next year. That's a long shot for Hopkins, though his role as a promoter for Golden Boy could work toward his advantage, but he can ill-afford to slip against the little-known Murat. Hopkins rebounded from a pair of ugly fights against Chad Dawson to defeat Tavoris Cloud in March and win the IBF light heavyweight championship.

In the latest edition of the X-ecutioner Files, Hopkins tried to flip the script at his workout, refusing to take questions from reporters. While jumping rope, or sparring, he simply let out a steady stream of consciousness about his career, his legacy, and what's ahead for a fighter aiming at defending a championship at 50.

"I know you all have questions to ask me, but there isn't really that much you can ask me," he said.

"Let me do the talking. What can you ask me that you haven't heard for the last three decades? What



Boxers Bernard Hopkins, left, and challenger Karo Murat of Germany, pose for photographers during a news conference, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013, in New York. Hopkins, 48, seeks to become the oldest fighter in history to defend a title when he faces Murat on Saturday in Atlantic City, N.J., for the Hopkins' IBF light heavyweight title.

Associated Press

are you going to ask me? Are you going to win? Are you ready? If I'm not, I'm

going to show up anyway." Waiting for Hopkins is Murat, who walked into a title

shot without as much as a signature victory. Murat, born and raised in Iraq before moving to Germany, has also stuck to the script that so many of Hopkins' victims tried before. The 30-year-old Murat is banking on being younger, hungrier, and eager to be the fighter that finally knocks out Hopkins as the reasons he can phone home a winner.

"You see the mileage on him," Murat said. "So to me he looks like a 48 year old. He doesn't have the speed anymore he may have had at 30 years old. He tries to clinch a lot and to win the fight through his experience, and that's it." Yes, but Murat fails to realize Hopkins is only 48 in human years. There's no telling how old he is in space years. □

CONCACAF Roundup

San Jose, Sporting KC secure quarterfinal spots

SANTA CLARA, California (AP) — Chris Wondolowski scored as the San Jose Earthquakes edged CD Heredia of Guatemala 1-0 and Sporting Kansas City held on for a 0-0 draw with CD Olimpia of Honduras on Wednesday as the two U.S. clubs advanced to the quarterfinals of the CONCACAF Champions League.

Wondolowski's 62nd-minute volley left all three teams in Group 5 — San Jose, Heredia and the Montreal Impact — equal on six points.

The Earthquakes, making their CCL debut, advanced on superior goal differential.

Heredia, needing only a



Sporting Kansas City's Aurelien Collin (78) heads the ball past CD Olimpia's Antony Lozano (9) during the first half of a CONCACAF Champions League soccer match in Kansas City, Kan., Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013.

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draw to advance, took a defensive formation into the game and held firm for

more than an hour despite San Jose having the vast majority of possession. □



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8 states vow 3.3M zero-emission vehicles by 2025

JASON DEAREN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The governors of eight states including California

and plug-in hybrids. By 2015, there are expected to be more than 200,000 zero emissions vehicles on roads across the U.S.

just not," said Dan Gage, a spokesman for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers in Washington, D.C., which represents Toyota

they have all vowed to work together to smooth building codes and other regulations in a way that will allow quick rollout of new charging stations.

"The idea is to make it easier for customers to operate and use zero emission vehicles, this in turn will help pave the way for success of the auto industry," Mary Nichols, chairman of the California Air Resources Board, said.

Getting 3.3 million of these vehicles will be a steep curve. In California, plug-in-hybrids and electric vehicles currently make up less than 2 percent of the auto market.

There are now 16 zero-emission vehicles from eight manufacturers on

the market; nine that run on batteries alone, two hydrogen fuel cell cars and five plug-in hybrid models, which can run on battery alone or gasoline.

Officials say that every automaker will have a zero-emission model by 2015.

Car dealers, who are under pressure to help meet these 2025 goals, say getting fueling infrastructure like charging stations in place quickly is the only way to get average consumers used to a new product that requires new driving habits.

"The cars are coming - they're here already - but if you don't have a place to charge them, there's not going to be the level of consumer acceptance." □



This Aug. 18, 2011 file photo shows a Nissan Leaf charges at an electric vehicle charging station in Portland, Ore. The governors of eight states including California and New York pledged Thursday to get 3.3 million zero-emission vehicles on roadways by 2025 in an effort to curb greenhouse gas pollution.

Associated Press

and New York pledged Thursday to work together to create charging stations and other fueling infrastructure needed to get 3.3 million zero-emission vehicles on those states' roadways by 2025 to curb greenhouse gas pollution. Representatives from all eight states were gathered in Sacramento to sign a memorandum of understanding that would create a task force meant to help increase charging infrastructure, roadway signs and other changes in an effort to buoy the market for electric cars, hydrogen fuel-cell electric vehicles

The other states involved are Massachusetts, Maryland, Oregon, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont. The eight states together represent about 23 percent of the U.S. auto market. Auto makers applauded the agreement as an important step toward getting consumers interested in these technologies, which until now have been slow to catch on because of worries over electric car range.

"(3.3 million) is not an achievable goal given what we're doing today from an infrastructure investment standpoint. It's

Motor Corp., General Motors Co. and 10 others.

"Up to this point there's been a lack of consumer interest, and a lot of that has to do with investment in infrastructure," he said.

Each state has already, separately adopted rules to require a percentage of new vehicles sold to be zero emission by 2025. California's mandate of 15.4 percent calls for a total of 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles to be on the state's roads by that time.

While the agreement signed Thursday requires no specific financial commitment from each state,

Internet address system expands with four suffixes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The oversight agency for Internet addresses says it has added four domain name suffixes—the first of hundreds expected in the coming years in the online addressing system's largest expansion ever.

The first four are all in foreign languages to reflect a growing international population that still has to enter Latin characters for many websites.

They represent Chinese for "game," Arabic for "network" and Cyrillic for "on-

line" and "site."

People and businesses should be able to start registering names ending on those suffixes soon. The announcement Wednesday reflects the addition of those suffixes into the master database.

There are currently more than 300 suffixes, mostly codes assigned for specific countries. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers has been taking bids for new ones in English and other languages. □

Higher profits from Ford, others push US stocks up

KEN SWEET

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Another dose of strong corporate earnings, this time from Ford, Southwest Airlines and others, helped push the stock market higher on Thursday.

It's one of the busiest weeks on Wall Street for corporate earnings. Roughly a third of the S&P 500 will report results, including some of the world's best-known companies.

For investors, this week has also been a welcome return to business as usual. Wall Street has been focused for weeks on what's going on in Washington, with the government shut-down, the near-breach of the nation's borrowing limit and questions about what's next for the Federal Reserve's massive bond-buying program.

So far, corporate earnings have come in pretty much as most money manag-

ers expected. Companies are reporting bigger profits, but most of the growth has come from cost-cutting, a trend that hasn't changed very much since the financial crisis. "We're in a slow-growth economy and companies need to do everything to boost earnings," said Brian Reynolds, chief market strategist at Rosenblatt Securities. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 95.88 points, or 0.6 percent, to 15,509.21. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 5.69 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,752.07, about two points below the record high of 1,754.67 it reached on Tuesday.

The Nasdaq composite was up 21.89 points, or 0.6 percent, to 3,928.96.

Among companies reporting earnings, Ford earned an adjusted profit of 45 cents per share — a record for the third quarter — as sales rose 12 percent to \$36 billion. The Dearborn,

Michigan-based automaker sold 1.5 million cars and trucks in the period, up 16 percent.

Wall Street analysts had expected Ford to earn 37 cents per share, according to FactSet. Ford rose 24 cents, or 1.5 percent, to

\$17.76.

Southwest Airlines reported sharply higher earnings. Southwest said it had an adjusted profit of 34 cents per share, up from 13 cents a year ago. Southwest rose 61 cents, or 4 percent, to \$17.02.

AT&T fell 65 cents, or 1.8 percent, to \$34.63. The telecommunications company said late Wednesday it had an adjusted profit of 66 cents in the third quarter, a penny above analysts' forecasts, however revenue fell slightly short of



A Ford emblem is attached to a Ford pickup truck tailgate on a dealer's lot in Needham, Mass. Another dose of strong corporate earnings, this time from Ford, Southwest Airlines and others, helped push the stock market higher on Thursday.

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

Bank of America to cut 3,000 mortgage jobs

The Associated Press

Bank of America will cut roughly 3,000 jobs by the end of the year as the number of refinancing applications and troubled loans has fallen. It is part of larger industry pull back in response to the changing housing market. The second largest U.S. bank laid off 1,200 employees this week, primarily from a unit that handles mortgage origination, company spokesman Terry Francisco said. He said the move is a response to a "significant" drop in refinancing application that has been happening since the middle of this year. Bank of America plans to make the bulk of the remaining reductions in its unit that handles troubled mortgages, such as foreclosures or loan modifications, as an economic recovery has eased the number of borrowers in distress. Francisco said many of the cuts affect contractors who were hired during peak demand. The company has been cutting jobs since CEO Brian Moynihan

took over in early 2010 as part of a broader strategy to make the bank easier to manage and to reduce exposure to riskier businesses. Its total full-time employee base has shrunk to 247,943 full-time employees as of

cuts just ahead. Yet the banking job cuts go beyond Banks of America.

The economic recovery has lessened the number of troubled mortgages nationwide. Meanwhile, the improved economy and

ers are slashing jobs in response to the changing market. Wells Fargo said last month that it would cut 1,800 mortgage related positions after cutting about 2,300 jobs from the same unit in August.



Photo shows a Bank of America branch in Gilbert, Ariz. Bank of America announced it will cut roughly 3,000 mortgage division jobs by the end of the year.

(AP Photo/Matt York)

the end of its most recent quarter, down 9 percent from 272,594 at the same time last year. This includes a number of recent reductions in the same distressed borrower unit that faces

lower interest rates boosted demand for this spring and summer's home buying season. But that activity, along with refinancing, is slowing as interest rates rise. A number of lend-

Citigroup said in September that it is slashing about 1,000 jobs in Nevada and Texas, citing decreased demand for home loans and mortgage refinancing. □

what analysts expected. Two technology giants, Microsoft and Amazon, reported results after the stock market closed Thursday. Both beat analysts' expectations. Amazon rose 5 percent and Microsoft jumped 6.5 percent in after-market trading. Wall Street also had some positive news out of China. A Chinese manufacturing index rose to a seven-month high in October, suggesting continued momentum for the rebound in the world's second-biggest economy.

With the S&P 500 trading near a record high and corporations finding it difficult to increase their sales, several market watchers have said they aren't sure how much further stocks can go from here.

There are signs that stocks are getting expensive. Investors are currently paying more than \$16 for every \$1 of earnings in the S&P 500, up from \$14 at the beginning of the year.

"We're at this stage where we need to start to see the fundamentals improve," said Quincy Krosby, a market strategist with Prudential Financial. □



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Twitter sets \$17 to \$20 per share range for its IPO

NEW YORK (AP) — Twitter has set a price range of \$17 to \$20 per share for its much-anticipated initial public offering and says it could raise as much as \$1.6 billion. Twitter Inc. said in a regulatory filing Thursday that it is putting forth 70 million shares in the offering. If those are sold, the underwriters can buy another 10.5 million shares. At the \$20 share price, Twitter's market value is around \$12.5 billion. That's a relatively conservative number — some analysts had expected that figure to be as high as \$20 billion. The San Francisco-based short-messaging service plans to list its stock under the ticker symbol "TWTR" on the New York Stock Exchange. □

DuPont spinning off Performance Chemicals wing

WILMINGTON, Delaware (AP) — DuPont Co. says it will spin off its Performance Chemicals unit to shareholders. The company has said previously that it was looking at options for the unit. Performance Chemicals is one of DuPont's largest businesses by revenue, but it has been struggling because of falling prices for titanium dioxide, a key industrial pigment. It says it expects the spinoff to its shareholders to happen in about a year and a half. The company says the spinoff will give it more reliable earnings growth. When DuPont reported earnings on Tuesday it said that Performance Chemicals sales have fallen 9 percent so far this year. Pre-tax operating income in that unit is less than half of what it was at this time last year. Its shares rose \$1.62 to \$63 in after-hours trading. □

Microsoft 1Q profit, sales top views; shares jump

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Microsoft posted quarterly revenue and earnings Thursday that easily topped Wall Street forecasts, marking a healthy start to a com-

transformation is progressing," CEO Steve Ballmer said in a statement with the company's fiscal first-quarter results. Ballmer said in August he'll step down within 12 months and the search is on to find his suc-

lysts polled by FactSet. Revenue rose 16 percent to \$18.53 billion, also beating the \$17.79 billion analysts were expecting. Microsoft's revenue from its Surface tablets hit \$400 million, representing a gain

Windows operating system from manufacturing partners declined, while enterprise software business grew.

Commercial licensing — representing enterprise products like Windows Server and System Center — is now by far Microsoft's biggest reporting segment. Its revenue rose 7 percent to \$9.59 billion. Devices and consumer licensing revenue, containing revenue from Windows and Windows Phone, fell 7 percent to \$4.34 billion.

It has been a busy year for Redmond, Washington-based Microsoft Corp. Last month, it vowed to acquire Nokia's smartphone business for \$7.2 billion and this month it launched sales of the latest version of its Surface tablets. Next month it will launch its latest game console, Xbox One.

The transformation of Microsoft's business is crucial as sales of personal computers — once Windows' mainstay — continued to fall. Research firm IDC said that global shipments of PCs fell 8 percent in the third quarter of the year for the sixth straight decline. Another firm, Gartner, put the decline at almost 9 percent. □



Microsoft Surface instant replay equipment is seen at an NFL football game between the New Orleans Saints and the Kansas City Chiefs at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. Microsoft posted quarterly revenue and earnings Thursday that easily topped Wall Street forecasts. (AP Photo/Jonathan Bachman)

panywide overhaul it announced in July that should help the software giant transform into a devices and services company. Its stock rose 6 percent in after-hours trading. "Our devices and services

cessor. Microsoft's net income in the three months to Sept. 30 grew 17 percent to \$5.24 billion, or 62 cents per share, from \$4.47 billion, or 53 cents per share, a year ago. That beat the 54 cents expected by ana-

lysts in revenue and unit sales from the quarter that ended in June, though profitability in the division that houses Surface fell. It's the first time the company has broken out Surface results. Revenue from its flagship

Amazon narrows 3Q loss on 24 percent sales gain

SARAH SELL
AP Business Writer

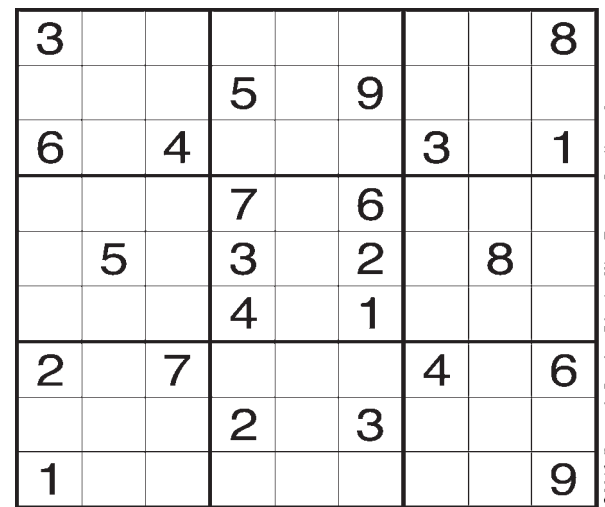
Amazon.com's revenue rose more than Wall Street expected in its fiscal third quarter, but the online retailer posted another loss due to ongoing investments in its business. Steady profits have proven elusive for the world's largest online retailer as it spends heavily on filling orders, marketing and technological improvements and innovations. But investors were cheered by its

revenue forecast for the fourth-quarter, a sign of confidence and optimism as it enters the key holiday shopping season. Shares rose 8 percent in after-hours trading. Amazon has been busy launching new products, expanding the number of fulfillment centers and adding robots to its line to help get packages out the door. Operating expenses rose 24 percent during the quarter. The Seattle-based compa-

ny posted a loss of \$41 million, or 9 cents per share, for the quarter that ended in September, matching analyst expectations. That compared with a loss of \$274 million, or 60 cents per share, in the same quarter last year. The prior year includes a one-time \$169 million loss related to its stake in online deals site LivingSocial. Revenue jumped 24 percent \$17.09 billion from \$13.81 billion. Wall Street predicted \$16.76 billion,

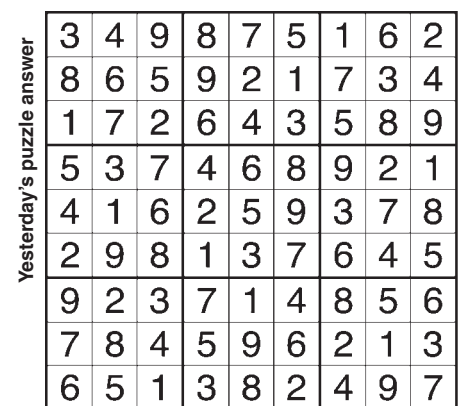
according to FactSet. Amazon said it expects revenue for its fourth quarter to fall between \$23.5 billion and \$26.5 billion, bracketing analysts' prediction of \$25.88 billion. That's also up 10 to 25 percent from its fourth quarter last year. Shares of Amazon.com Inc. increased \$27.19 to \$359.90 after the market's close. Its shares increased \$5.45 to close regular trading at \$332.21 Thursday, up 32 percent this year. □

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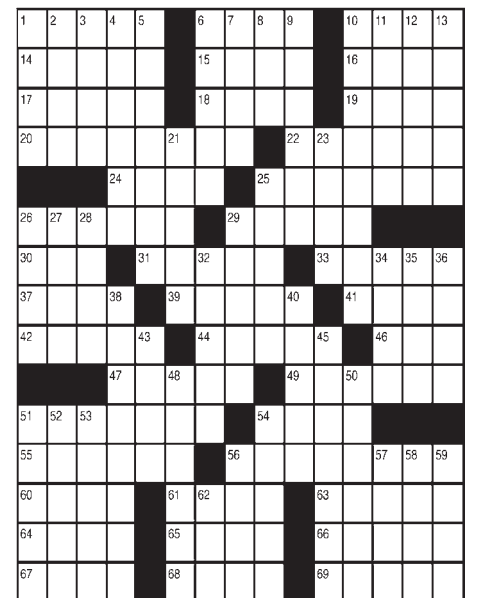
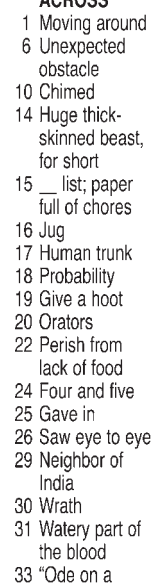


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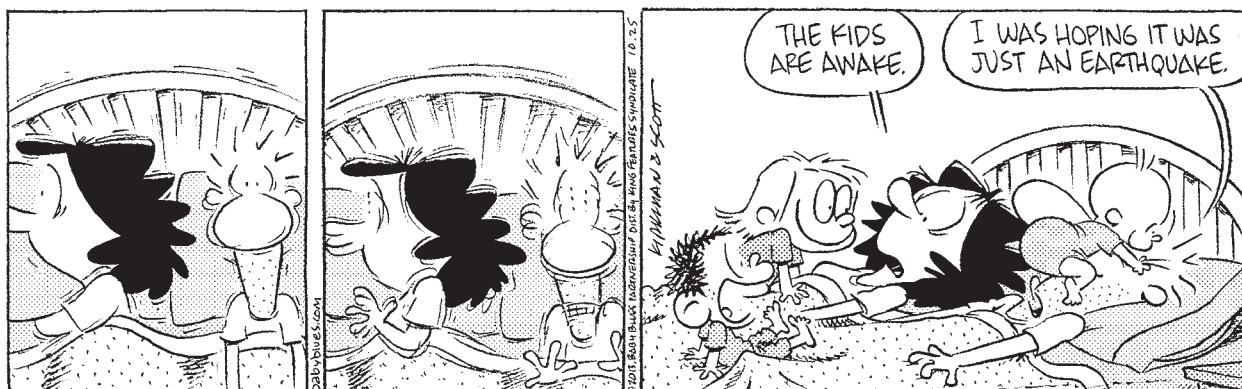
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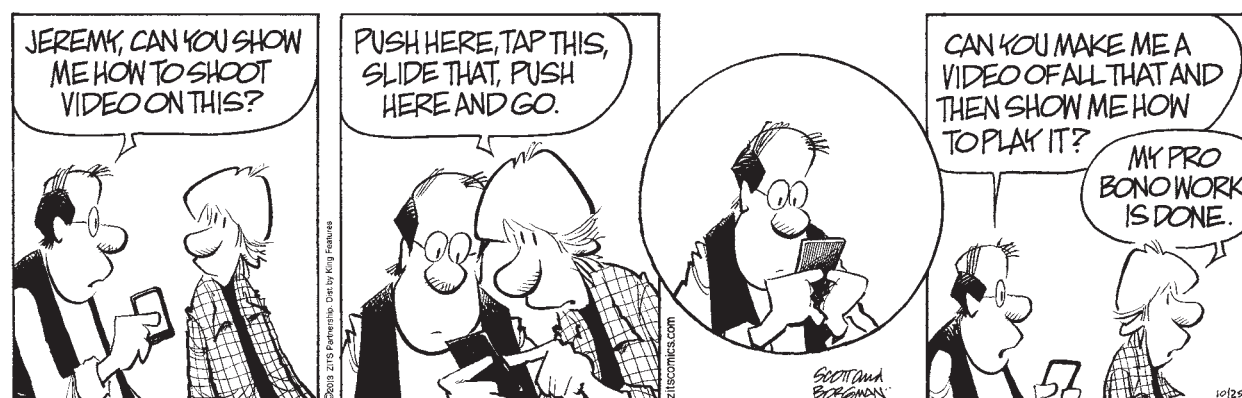
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Formichetti Remixes Diesel And Denim

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The full impact of Nicola Formichetti's new role as artistic director of Diesel will not be felt until March, when he reveals his fall 2014 collection, but that is a long time to wait. Too long, Formichetti said. Since leaving Mugler to join Diesel in April, Formichetti

tons.)
"I wanted to say thank you, and that we are going to do something amazing together," Formichetti said. "I'm a newbie here, so before giving them my full designs, I wanted to style its history into a new thing." Formichetti's input is most clearly visible in the way the capsule is being introduced. Beginning next

made, so I wanted something that was the opposite for presenting them." Adapting the imagery to social media formats, he said, turned out to inform the content of the photos. For example, Knight and Formichetti created GIFs for Tumblr, so rapid-fire images of shoes or accessories worked best. Instagram favors a square-image format, which lends itself to group photos or portraits, or the 10-second videos they shot starring Mykki Blanco, a hip-hop singer who performs as both male and female. (They made a longer video for YouTube.) Of course, all of this has Formichetti thinking about his big reveal in March, which he said he might show in Paris or, to be different, in Venice. Renzo Rosso, the founder of Diesel, always tells him, he said, to "go crazier."
"So maybe I'll show on the moon," Formichetti said. □



An undated handout photo from an ad campaign for the Diesel Tribute Collection. Nicola Formichetti, new artistic director of Diesel, introduces a small collection in tribute to the company's 35-year history, to be sold beginning Nov. 4, 2013. (Diesel/Nick Knight via The New York Times)

has been a magpie, picking up pieces of trimming, patchwork, buttons and whatever caught his eye while roaming the denim company's archives in Breganze, Italy. And as a tribute to its 35-year history, he has created a small collection of jeans, jackets and denim shirts inspired by classic pieces that will be sold beginning Nov. 4 in a selection of the company's stores worldwide. (The look is very Diesel, with eagle patches, studs and red-white-and-green but-

week, the company will roll out a series of digital campaigns that were created by photographer Nick Knight and are specific to the social platforms where each will be shown. What's more, Knight photographed the entire campaign using the built-in camera of an iPhone, then slightly distorted the images using the Glitché and Mega Photo apps.
"I wanted to do something just for the digital community," Formichetti said. "The clothes are very hand-

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Major pension funds ask for climate change study

KEVIN BEGOS

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Some of the largest pension funds in the U.S. and the world are worried that major fossil fuel companies may not be as profitable in the future because of efforts to limit climate change, and they want details on how the firms will manage a long-term shift to cleaner energy sources.

In a statement released Thursday, leaders of 70 funds said they're asking 45 of the world's top oil, gas, coal and electric power companies to do detailed assessments of how efforts to control climate change could impact their businesses.

"Institutional investors must think over the long term, which means that we must take environmental risks into consideration when we make investments," New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli told The Associated Press in a statement. The state's Common Retirement Fund manages almost \$161 billion of investments.

Fossil fuels currently provide about 80 percent of all the energy used in the world. The pension funds say that because it takes decades



International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Christine Lagarde speaks during a media availability, during the World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings at IMF headquarters Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013 in Washington. Lagarde urged governments to phase out energy subsidies as a key step to address climate change, saying Tuesday that such subsidies, particularly for fossil fuels, only encourage the use of more energy and disproportionately benefit wealthier individuals, who can afford to use more energy, instead of the poor.

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to recoup the huge investments required for fossil fuel exploration, there's a significant chance that future regulations will limit production or impose expensive pollution-control requirements that would reduce the fuels' profitability.

Others signers of the letter include the comptrollers or treasurers of California, New York City, Maryland,

Oregon, Vermont and Connecticut, as well as The Church of England Pensions Board, the Scottish Widows Investment Partnership, the investment firm Rockefeller & Co. and dozens of other funds that control a total of about \$3 trillion. Only a fraction of that is with fossil fuel companies, however.

The funds sent letters to the fossil fuel companies last

month, asking for studies to be finished by spring.

The American Petroleum Institute, which represents the industry, was examining the statement and did not immediately comment. Shell Oil Co. declined to comment.

"The underlying question here is the billions of dollars that are being invested" in exploration for fossil fuels every year, and whether

that's a prudent investment, said Jack Ehnes, the head of the California's State Teachers' Retirement System, which has about \$5.4 billion invested in major fossil fuel companies.

Ehnes made clear that his fund is not seeking to punish the fossil fuel companies but rather work with them to study the issue and identify long-term options that will be good for shareholders, the environment and the firms. "The scientific trajectory that we're on is clearly in conflict" with the business strategy of the companies, Ehnes added, referring to the overwhelming consensus among top scientists from around the world that global warming is a man-made threat, that pollution from fossil fuels is the biggest problem and that many of the already-discovered fossil fuel reserves will need to stay in the ground to avoid extreme climate change.

Boston-based Ceres, a coalition of investors and companies that advocate for sustainable business practices, estimates that \$674 billion was invested in developing fossil fuel resources around the world in 2012, compared with \$281 billion for renewables. □



In this April 15, 2014 file photo, Dr. Vladimir Keilis-Borok, of the University of California, Los Angeles, listens to questions from reporters regarding his earthquake prediction, in Palm Springs, Calif.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Vladimir Keilis-Borok, a seismologist who believed earthquakes could be predicted months in advance, has died. He was 92.

Keilis-Borok died on Oct. 19 at his home in Culver City

after a long illness, according to the University of California, Los Angeles, where he had taught since 1998. The Russian scientist gained prominence after a strong earthquake in Japan and another in Central Califor-

Scientist who sought to predict quakes dies at 92

nia occurred in 2003 within a time period that was forecast by his international team of seismic experts. "Earthquake prediction is called the Holy Grail of earthquake science and has been considered impossible by many scientists. It's not impossible," Keilis-Borok said in a statement released by UCLA in January 2004.

He then made a bold claim: A quake of magnitude-6.4 or larger would rock a 12,000-square-mile (31,080-square-kilometer) region east of Los Angeles before Sept. 5, 2004 — a large swath that includes the Mojave Desert, the Coachella Valley, the Im-

perial Valley and eastern San Diego County.

He gave it a 50-50 chance, basing his prediction on a pattern of earthquakes recorded in the region over the past decades including the magnitude-7.3 Landers earthquake in 1992 and the 7.1 Hector Mine quake in 1999.

But the quake never struck and critics said he had been lucky in his previous predictions. Despite the failed attempt, Keilis-Borok still had a few supporters.

Earthquake prediction today remains elusive. Most scientists are generally pessimistic about ever having that ability and have instead focused on emer-

gency preparedness and advocating for an early warning system designed to give people a few seconds of notice after a quake occurs but before damaging waves spread widely.

Born in Moscow on July 31, 1921, Keilis-Borok earned his doctorate from the Academy of Sciences in Moscow. He worked at UCLA from 1998 to 2010, when he retired. He was known as "Volodya" by close friends.

Keilis-Borok is survived by a daughter, Irina Kashin, a granddaughter and two great-grandchildren, the Los Angeles Times reported Thursday. □

Oscar season starts with a game of musical chairs

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The first act of the Oscar season is playing out like an episode of "Survivor."

Several anticipated films planned to be released in the heart of awards season have picked up stakes and moved to 2014. Changes often happen in the highly contentious fall movie season, but rarely has there been an exodus like this.

Most recently, George Clooney's World War II drama "The Monuments Men," previously dated for Dec. 18, was moved by Sony to early next year, after the end-of-year eligibility cutoff. Earlier postponed was Bennett Miller's brother drama "Foxcatcher," with Channing Tatum and Steve Carell; "Grace of Monaco," starring Nicole Kidman as Grace Kelly; and James Grey's "The Immigrant," starring Joaquin Phoenix and Marion Cotillard.

Martin Scorsese's "The Wolf of Wall Street" is also up in the air, widely expected to move from a long-planned

November release to Christmas. Scorsese is racing to edit his ambitious Wall Street epic, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, in time for release this year. Paramount declined to comment on its plans for "The Wolf of Wall Street," but the studio announced Thursday that its spy franchise film "Jack Ryan" is moving from Dec. 25 to Jan. 17.

So why the game of musical chairs? The holiday season is a packed one, so the margins for capturing box-office and awards momentum are thin. And three Oscar favorites have already firmly established themselves: Steve McQueen's hugely acclaimed slavery epic "12 Years a Slave"; the global box-office juggernaut and technical marvel "Gravity"; and the Tom Hanks Somali pirate docudrama "Captain Phillips."

For now, the favorite is "12 Years a Slave," which picked up a leading three nominations from the Gotham Independent Film Awards on Thursday. Based on the account of Solo-



This film image released by Columbia Pictures shows Matt Damon, left, and George Clooney in "The Monuments Men." A spokesman for Sony Pictures said Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013, that the film will now be released in the first quarter of next year, instead of its planned release date of Dec. 18. "Monuments Men," which Clooney directed, co-wrote and stars in, had been expected to be a top Oscar contender.

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Jamie Dornan replaces Hunnam in 'Fifty Shades'

NEW YORK (AP) — "Fifty Shades of Grey" has its male lead, again.

Jamie Dornan has been cast as Christian Grey, the lead role that Charlie Hunnam withdrew from recently. Dornan will star alongside female lead Dakota Johnson, with Sam Taylor-Johnson directing. Shooting is planned to begin in November, with a release in August next year. Hunnam's departure left the project momentarily reeling. The big-screen adaption of E L James' bestselling erotic novel has been carefully followed by its fans, who were critical of Hunnam's casting.

The 31-year-old Dornan, a former model from Northern Ireland, is relatively unknown. He's starred in the British TV series "The Fall" and the ABC series "Once Upon a Time."



In this photo released by ABC, Jamie Dornan guest stars as Sheriff Graham on ABC's "Once Upon a Time." "Fifty Shades of Grey" has its male lead, again.

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Unlike with Hunnam, social media reaction to Dornan's casting was generally positive. □

mon Northrup (played by Chiwetel Ejiofor), the film bears the weight of being a landmark — a movie that depicts American slavery more faithfully than it ever has been before. Henry Louis Gates Jr. has called it "the best film about slavery ever made from the point of view of a slave."

"It's going to go on its own journey and we'll see where that ends up," says Ejiofor. "The important thing is that people should see it with their own eyes if there's hyper buzz about it. I think this is a deeply involved story about a man who had a profound experience. I was deeply moved by his book and his experience, and I feel like outside of anything else, that should be given its place and its own sort of room."

"Gravity" has been a different kind of sensation, leading the box office for three consecutive weeks in addition to nearly universal raves from critics. Alfonso Cuarón's film and "12 Years a Slave" are currently the consensus top two Oscar contenders, according to a recent "Gurus o' Gold" poll of 15 Oscar prognosticators and film writers at MovieCityNews.com.

But the reasons for the re-

lease date changes have less to do with the seeming lock on awards than with the individual challenges of each film. Clooney has said the extensive visual effects for "The Monuments Men" needed time for completion. Sony Pictures Classics said "Foxcatcher," too, needed more time to finish. No reason was given for the Weinstein Co.'s postponement of "The Immigrant," which premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in May.

"Grace of Monaco" is moving to March, Harvey Weinstein has said, because "it's just not ready." Director Olivier Dahan has vehemently disputed that, telling French newspaper Liberation that he considers the film finished and strongly disapproves of the cut Weinstein is seeking. (The Weinstein Co. declined to comment.)

A move to early next year, as "The Monuments Men" is doing, signals a lack of faith in awards attention. While the holiday season is the one of the most prestigious and lucrative times of the year to release a film, the early winter months are typically considered the doldrums of the moviegoing year.

But it also means much

more room at the box office. In late December, "The Monuments Men" would have had to compete with, presumably, "The Wolf of Wall Street," Ben Stiller's "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," "August: Osage County," "Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues" and the 3-D action film "47 Ronin."

The competition will be far less stiff when "The Monuments Men" opens next year. It will hope to follow the playbook of a few other recent awards season emigrants: Scorsese's "Shutter Island" (\$294.8 million worldwide after a Feb. 18 debut in 2010) and "The Great Gatsby" (\$348.8 million worldwide with a release last May).

Aside from "The Wolf of Wall Street," awards contenders yet to premiere include David O. Russell's Abscam drama "American Hustle" and the Disney tale of the making of "Mary Poppins," "Saving Mr. Banks." Riding in with acclaim from film festivals will be the Coen brothers' Greenwich Village folk tale "Inside Llewyn Davis," Alexander Payne's Midwest road trip "Nebraska," Spike Jonze's futuristic romance "Her" and the Texas HIV drama "Dallas Buyers Club." □

Kenny Rogers reflects on long shadow of his legacy

CHRIS TALBOTT

AP Music Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —

Kenny Rogers still records and performs — when the mood strikes him — but he's glad he no longer lives the life of a pop star.

"I wouldn't be out there today if you paid me," he joked.

Rogers long ago cemented his legacy in the world of popular music, and there will be another reminder of this when he's finally inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame on Sunday with Bobby Bare and the late "Cowboy" Jack Clement. Many believe Rogers' induction is years late since few have done as much to spread country music beyond its



In this March 7, 2013 file photo, singer songwriter and country music legend Kenny Rogers performs at the American Music Theatre, in Lancaster, Pa.

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once rural borders.

Rogers is remembered for "The Gambler" and other country hits like "Ruby, Don't Take Your Love to

Town," but the 75-year-old repeatedly strayed into pop music over the years. Now country is more pop — and popular — than ever, and Rogers had a lot to do with that.

"When I came in it was Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings and Merle Haggard, and then all of a sudden I did "Through the Years" and "She Believes in Me," started working with Lionel Richie and did "Lady" and started working with Barry Gibb and did "Islands in the Stream," and as successful as they were, they weren't what those people thought country music was. I think now they look around and say, 'Whoa, he was a lot more country than we thought.'"

Clint Eastwood's wife files for divorce



In this Oct. 10, 2010 file photo, director and producer Clint Eastwood, right, and wife Dina Eastwood attend the premiere of "Hereafter" at Alice Tully Hall during the 48th New York Film Festival, in New York.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Clint Eastwood's second wife is ending their marriage.

Dina Eastwood cites irreconcilable differences in divorce papers filed Tuesday in California. The 48-year-old journalist and reality TV star is seeking spousal support and full physical custody of the couple's 16-year-old daughter.

Dina Eastwood filed for legal separation from the Oscar winner last month.

The Eastwoods have been married since March 1996. They met when she was assigned to interview the 83-year-old actor for her TV news station. Clint Eastwood was previously married to Maggie Johnson from 1953 to 1984.

B.o.B hopes to join Bruno Mars on Super Bowl stage



In this Dec. 10, 2010 file photo, B.O.B. and Bruno Mars perform at the 2010 Z100 Jingle Ball concert at Madison Square Garden in New York.

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JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — B.o.B is happy Bruno Mars is the halftime performer at Super Bowl XLVIII, especially if he gets an invitation to join him onstage.

B.o.B says with a laugh: "I ain't got my phone call yet, but I hope I'll be on there." Mars and the rapper collaborated on the 2010 No. 1 hit, "Nothin' on You." The song was nominated for multiple Grammy Awards

and helped Mars launch his successful solo career, which includes two platinum albums and 10 Top 5 hits. B.o.B said in an interview Wednesday that he and Mars came up the music ranks together, performing in the studio before the singer became a pop star. Super Bowl XLVIII will take place Feb. 2 in East Rutherford, N.J.

B.o.B will release his third album, "Underground Luxury," on Dec. 17.

Review: 'The Goldfinch' is a tale of art and loss

MAE ANDERSON

Associated Press

This absorbing novel begins when an ordinary excursion to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City by 13-year-old Theo Decker and his mother erupts in a sudden, senseless act of violence. In the mayhem that follows, Decker's mother is killed and he somehow picks up and walks away with a priceless piece of artwork from the 1600s, "The Goldfinch" by Carel Fabritius. The scene unfolds slowly in harrowing detail and sets in motion nearly every subsequent event in the novel. Suddenly motherless, Decker's quiet life becomes tumultuous.

He is taken in by his friend's wealthy and kind but distant family, and later goes to live with his estranged, gambling-addicted father and his cocktail waitress girlfriend on the semi-abandoned outskirts of Las Vegas. There he meets Boris, a charming but unhinged ex-pat with Ukrai-

nian and Russian roots who becomes his best friend, introducing Decker to a larger world via both Russian novels and drugs. As he grows older, he continues to secretly protect the painting, both as a work of beauty he has grown to cherish and as the only link to life before the tragedy. Establishing himself as an antiques dealer back in New York as an adult, Decker strives for a calm life, but soon Boris re-emerges and everything he thought was in his past comes back in full force to haunt him.

Tartt, in her third novel after "The Secret History" and "The Little Friend," paints the many different strata of life that Decker floats through with vivid detail, including the dissolute Vegas gambling scene, high-society Manhattan, the world of antique furniture dealing and shady underworld art dens. The author trains an acute eye on the moral ambiguity of all of her characters in "The Goldfinch":



This photo provided by Little, Brown and Company shows the book cover of "The Goldfinch," by Donna Tartt. In "The Goldfinch," Tartt's third novel, the author follows the life of a boy who's world is turned upside down when an ordinary excursion to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City erupts in a sudden, senseless act of violence.

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Decker, for example, can be deeply sympathetic but also proves capable of shocking acts both unethical and violent.

The Shanghai Secret



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SHANGHAI - Whenever I visit China, I am struck by the sharply divergent predictions of its future one hears. Lately, a number of global investors have been "shorting" China, betting that someday soon its powerful economic engine will sputter, as the real estate boom here turns to a bust. Frankly, if I were shorting China today, it would not be because of the real estate bubble but because of the pollution bubble that is increasingly enveloping some of its biggest cities. Optimists take another view: that, buckle in, China is just getting started and that what we're now about to see is the payoff from China's 30 years of investment in infrastructure and education. I'm not a gambler, so I'll just watch this from the sidelines. But if you're looking for evidence as to why the optimistic bet isn't totally crazy, you might want to visit a Shanghai elementary school.

I've traveled here with Wendy Kopp, the founder of Teach for America, and the leaders of the Teach for All programs modeled on Teach for America that are operating in 32 countries. We're visiting some of the highest- and lowest-performing schools in China to try to uncover The Secret - how is it that Shanghai's public secondary schools topped the world charts in the 2009 PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) exams that measure the ability of 15-year-olds in 65 countries to apply what they've learned in math, science and reading. After visiting Shanghai's Qiangwei Primary School, with 754 students - grades one through five - and 59 teachers, I think I found The Secret:

There is no secret.

When you sit in on a class here and meet with the principal and teachers, what you find is a relentless focus on all the basics that we know make for high-performing schools but that are difficult to pull off consistently across an entire school system. These are: a deep commitment to teacher training, peer-to-peer learning and constant professional development, a deep involvement of parents in their children's learning, an insistence by the school's leadership on the highest standards and a culture that prizes education and respects teachers. Shanghai's secret is simply its ability to execute more of these fundamentals in more of its schools more of the time. Take teacher development. Shen Jun, Qiangwei's principal, who has overseen its transformation in a decade from a low-performing to a high-performing school - even though

40 percent of her students are children of poorly educated migrant workers - says her teachers spend about 70 percent of each week teaching and 30 percent developing teaching skills and lesson planning. That is far higher than in a typical U.S. school.

Teng Jiao, 26, an English teacher here, said school begins at 8:35 a.m. and runs to 4:30 p.m., during which he typically teaches three 35-minute lessons. I sat in on one third-grade English class. The English lesson was meticulously planned, with no time wasted. The rest of his day, he said, is spent on lesson planning, training online or with his team, having other teachers watch his class and tell him how to improve and observing the classrooms of master teachers. "You see so many teaching techniques that you can apply to your own classroom," he remarks.

Education experts will tell you that of all the things that go into improving a school, nothing - not class size, not technology, not length of the school day - pays off more than giving teachers the time for peer review and constructive feedback, exposure to the best teaching and time to deepen their knowledge of what they're teaching.

Teng said his job also includes "parent training." Parents come to the school three to five times a semester to develop computer skills so they can better help their kids with homework and follow lessons online. Christina Bao, 29, who also teaches English, said she tries to chat either by phone or online with the parents of each student two or three times a week to keep them abreast of their child's progress.

"I will talk to them about what the students are doing at school." She then alluded matter-of-factly to a big cultural difference here, "I tell them not to beat them if they are not doing well." In 2003, Shanghai had a very "average" school system, said Andreas Schleicher, who runs the PISA exams. "A decade later, it's leading the world and has dramatically decreased variability between schools."

He, too, attributes this to the fact that, while in America a majority of a teacher's time in school is spent teaching, in China's best schools, a big chunk is spent learning from peers and personal development. As a result, he said, in places like Shanghai, "the system is good at attracting average people and getting enormous productivity out of them," while also, "getting the best teachers in front of the most difficult classrooms."

China still has many mediocre schools that need fixing. But the good news is that in just doing the things that U.S. and Chinese educators know work - but doing them systematically and relentlessly - Shanghai has in a decade lifted some of its schools to the global heights in reading, science and math skills.

Oh, and Shen Jun, the principal, wanted me to know: "This is just the start." □



The 3 Roles Of Michael J. Fox



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On Thursday, NBC will air the sixth episode of its new comedy series, "The Michael J. Fox Show." In it, Fox plays a popular television anchorman who returns to work after having retired years earlier because of his Parkinson's disease. This, of course, closely tracks Fox's own story. An extremely well-liked actor, he last starred in a television series in 2000, which is when the tremors, stiffness and involuntary body movements that are associated with Parkinson's forced him to retire from "Spin City."

On that same Thursday, The Michael J. Fox Foundation will hold its seventh annual PD Therapeutics Conference in New York City. Upward of 250 academics and industry representatives will share the latest research on Parkinson's disease - much of which has been driven by the foundation. "Select Michael J. Fox Foundation investigators will present research on a variety of topics, including novel therapeutic targets, biomarkers for early detection and assessment of disease progression, and strategies to alleviate symptoms," read a recent email announcing the conference. Clearly, this is not your typical celebrity foundation.

Sufferers of Parkinson's disease got lucky when Michael J. Fox

became their poster boy. He was 30 when he learned that he had the disease. For years, he kept the news to himself - as many people do when their first learn they have Parkinson's.

But when he realized he could no longer work on "Spin City" because his symptoms had become too pronounced, he quickly - and readily - became a spokesman for people with the disease. He gave interviews to Barbara Walters and People magazine, and testified before Congress. Although he's not the chest-thumping type, he acknowledged when I spoke to him recently that many Parkinson's sufferers feel shame - and that he had helped take the shame out of the disease. That's the first important thing he did. The second important thing was starting the foundation 13 years ago. Many disease foundations stress patient advocacy, which plays an important role. But, as he learned more about the disease, Fox realized that Parkinson's research had slowed to a crawl. He wanted his foundation to push the science - something no one else was doing. "For a long time, there was a lack of understanding about how the disease worked," says Todd Sherer, a scientist who has been with the foundation for nine years, the last two as chief executive.

Fox hired Debi Brooks, a refugee from Goldman Sachs, as the foundation's first chief executive, and together they charted a unique course. (Brooks remains an important part of the Michael J. Fox Foundation.) They insisted, for instance, that scientists who got grants from the foundation share their research with others in academia and the industry. Their staff included scientists, who didn't just vet grant applications, but served as problem-solvers and facilitators. They took risks that neither government nor the industry would take. In recent years, they have been trying to

speed up the time it takes to do clinical trials, while also trying to make them less expensive and less risky. The ultimate goal is to come up with drugs that can help Parkinson's sufferers - or possibly cure it. Though they do not yet have a drug on the market, they have drugs in the pipeline, some in Phase II clinical trials.

Fox has never tried to micro-manage the science. His attitude has always been that he would hire the best people he could find, and give them both running room and support. "He is an inspirational figure," Brooks says, "who leads by example."

"Science is a lot of failures," Fox says, "a lot of misses. The important thing is to take your swings." Recently, after a Phase III drug trial failed, Fox got on the phone to Sherer, Brooks and others. "He is always optimistic," Sherer said. "His focus is, 'Did we learn something so that the next time we have a better chance.'"

The third important thing he has done is go back to work. Several years ago, his doctors tweaked his medication, and his body movements stabilized enough that he began to think about the possibility of acting full time again. He had recurring roles in a number of shows, including "The Good Wife," where he played a lawyer with Parkinson's who was not above using his disease to gain sympathy from the judge. He liked playing against type.

In the first episode of the new show, many of the jokes revolved around Fox having Parkinson's, but since then his disease has receded into the background.

On screen, his hands shake a little and his head is tilted to the side, but you get used to it - and then forget about it - pretty quickly. Which is exactly the point.

"I can play anybody," Fox told me with a smile, "so long as he has Parkinson's." □

HOUSE HAUNTERS

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POMONA, Calif. - On a recent morning, Steve Kopelman stood inside a hangar-size building at the Fairplex event center here, drinking his third or fourth Diet Dr Pepper of the day and eyeing a giant inflatable goat skull. The skull had arrived by truck from Colorado two days earlier and had just been suspended above a plywood wall spray-painted black that had been hastily erected near the building's main entrance.

"This looks better than I thought it would," Kopelman said. He pointed to the spiky fangs and horns with their creepy decay and added, "I didn't like the color, so I had my painter go back and add cracks and stuff."

Kopelman is a professional haunted house producer and designer, or "haunter" in industry parlance. He opened his first haunted house 30 years ago in Phoenix, and promoted it by driving a huge Frankenstein head around in a truck, making sure it broke down on the city's busiest corner during rush hour. ("I read P.T. Barnum's book," he said.) In recent years, he has designed or promoted multiple "haunts" across the country every Halloween season.

A genial, salt-and-pepper-

haired man of 56 who lives in Houston, he is not a big fan of horror films or Goth culture - or, for that matter, dressing up on Halloween. He sees haunted houses as a profitable business, and likes the theatricality. "I always had the dream of producing movies," he said.

He was at the Fairplex to oversee construction of Rob Zombie's Great American Nightmare, a collaboration with the rock musician and horror-film director, based on the gory Rob Zombie oeuvre. The production, Kopelman said, is the biggest of his career: a \$2 million budget; three haunted houses encompassing 33,000 square feet; a "Bloody Boulevard" outdoors; and 150 employees, including three seamstresses and "a guy that shoots you with CO2 as you go through."

Great American Nightmare may be the best example yet of the upsizing of haunted houses over the last decade, in the vein of "mega haunts" like Netherworld in Atlanta and The Beast in Kansas City, Mo., which have elaborate sets and are staffed by actors and the prop and makeup artists who have found themselves out of work in a CGI-dominated Hollywood.

There are now more than a thousand such large-scale attractions around the



Rob Zombie, left, and Steve Kopelman, professional haunted house producer and designer overseeing construction of Rob Zombie's Great American Nightmare, outside one of the attraction's haunted house entrances, at the Fairplex in Pomona, Calif., Oct. 10, 2013.

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country, said Larry Kirchner, editor of Hauntworld.com, and haunting has become a sophisticated, \$1 billion-a-year industry. Even the season itself has expanded: Many haunted houses open in late September and extend past Halloween to early November. This year, the National Retail Federation's annual Halloween survey found that more than 31 million Americans plan to visit a haunted house, often paying from \$15 to \$30 each. Ray Kohout, who created one of the first large-scale, themed haunted houses in St. Louis in 1991, marveled

at the evolution. "Now there's animatronics and realistic props," said Kohout, who franchised his project, known as Silo X, to nine cities at its peak before getting out of the business 10 years ago. "Back then, it was much more primitive and simplistic, a lot more about blood and guts."

For Rob Zombie, who remembers the lame haunted rides at carnivals in his '70s youth, the goal is a Disney-like level of art direction. "Going into the Haunted Mansion as a kid, your jaw drops," he said. "The attention to detail at Disneyland is outrageous. That's what I want to be able to do here." As with his movies, however, he wants visitors to leave with a vague sense of revulsion. "My approach has been to create that weird, unnerving feeling that you can't shake," he said. "I like to screw with your head." Perhaps the most obvious restriction to a great haunted experience is the site itself. To create a large-scale haunted environment inside a creepy old house is nearly impossible, Haskell said: "They aren't safe." He runs Nightmare out of a Lower East Side cultural center.

"I feel like we build the house in here," he said, and each detailed set is like "a house inside of a house."

Rob Zombie sat on a concrete wall outside the Fairplex building, denim-sheathed, motorcycle-booted and shielded from the bright sun by a floppy hat and sunglasses. It was three days before the opening, and he had just toured Great American Nightmare for the first time. The haunted houses are based on his movies, which serve as a kind of blueprint, and he had left the execution largely to Kopelman, he said. But now he had a number of suggestions, starting with the entrance hall in the Salem haunt.

"Right now, it's blank black walls," he said. "But by the time it opens, it will have wainscoting and sconces and wallpaper, and look like an apartment building."

Most people, he knows, will not notice details like the flocked wallpaper or the frying bacon. They are too scared to look anywhere but at the ground.

Still, he had learned from directing movies that "you don't see the detail when it's there, but you definitely see it when it's not there," he said. "You would immediately think, 'Well, they just put a chair and table in there, and I feel like I'm on the set of a porno film' - like the bare minimum of what this needs to be considered done." □



A themed room for the serial-killer H.H. Holmes in one of three haunted houses in Rob Zombie's Great American Nightmare attraction at the Fairplex in Pomona, Calif., Oct. 10, 2013.

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